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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/5/12 REPORTED... A SHARP DROP IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS GIVING PRESIDENT OBAMA A BOOST TODAY. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL TO SEVEN-POINT-EIGHT PERCENT, MARKING THE FIRST TIME IT'S BEEN BELOW EIGHT-PERCENT DURING THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY. MITT ROMNEY, CAMPAIGNING IN VIRGINIA'S COAL COUNTRY, ARGUED THAT THE JOB NUMBERS SEEM BETTER THAN THEY REALLY ARE BECAUSE SO MANY DISCOURAGED WORKERS HAVE GIVEN-UP. THE NEXT JOBS REPORT COMES OUT JUST FOUR-DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/12 REPORTED... IT'S THE LAST DAY AT THE STEVENSON BUSINESS PARK FOR OORJA PROTONICS. THE FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY START-UP IS HEADING SOUTH...BUT NOT THAT FAR. OORJA IS *STAYING* IN FREMONT WITH A STRATEGY TO ATTRACT CLEANTECH AND BIOTECH STARTUPS TO FREMONT. IN 2009, THE CITY DECIDED TO WAIVE THE USUAL BUSINESS LICENSE FEE FOR CLEANTECH STARTUPS NEW IN TOWN. THOSE FEES CAN COST ANYWHERE FROM A FEW THOUSAND TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GAGAN SINGH WITH OORJA SAYS THE CHANCE TO BE A PART OF A FLOWING SYNERGY WITH CLOSE-BY, LIKE-MINDED BUSINESSES WAS ANOTHER VARIABLE. FREMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER CHRISTINA BRIGGS SAYS THE FOCUS NOW IS BRINGING MORE EMERGING-TECH BUSINESS TO THE WARM SPRINGS AREA...WITH THE "PACIFIC COMMONS" PLAZA GROWING IN DINING, RETAIL TO EVEN INCLUDING A WHOLE FOODS NEXT YEAR. THERE IS A FOCUS TO MAKE SURE OTHER NON-TECH BUSINESSES DON'T GET LOST IN THE MIX; BALANCE IN A CITY WHERE MANY ALREADY HARBOR HIGH HOPES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/12 REPORTED... WAS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNDER-REPRESENTED? TONIGHT, THE STATE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS DENYING REPORTS IT DIDN'T FULLY AND PROPERLY REPORT THE NUMBER OF CALIFORNIANS WHO FILED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, LAST WEEK. THIS MORNING, THE U-S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS REPORTED A LARGER THAN EXPECTED DROP IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW JOBLESS CLAIMS. "THE BUSINESS INSIDER" QUOTED AN UNNAMED LABOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAYING THAT DROP WAS DUE TO SKEWED DATA, ONE LARGE STATE FAILING TO REPORT ALL OF ITS CLAIMS. THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT LARGE STATE WAS CALIFORNIA. STATE OFFICIALS ARE BLASTING THE ARTICLE CALLING IT AN "INCORRECT AND IRRESPONSIBLE" MEDIA REPORT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED... BUT THINGS ARE FAR WORSE OVER AT ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES. THE SUNNYVALE CHIPMAKER TODAY REPORTING A HUGE QUARTERLY LOSS, AND A LARGE-SCALE LAYOFF. ABOUT 18 HUNDRED PEOPLE, OR FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE COMPANY'S WORKFORCE, WILL GET PINK SLIPS. A-M-D HAS BEEN STRUGGLING TO COMPETE WITH INTEL WHEN IT COMES TO CHIP SALES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED... ANOTHER COMPANY THAT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED LAYOFFS IS NOW RUMORED TO BE AN ACQUISITION TARGET. SUNYVALE-BASED JUNIPER NETWORKS SAW ITS STOCK PRICE MOVE HIGHER BY ABOUT FIVE PERCENT TODAY. THE COMPANY IS NOT COMMENTING, IT'S HAVING A TOUGH TIME COMPETING WITH CISCO. MORE TECH NEWS LATER IN THE NEWSCAST, INCLUDING A NEW REASON TO LOOK UP IN SILICON VALLEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED...BETTER NEWS WHEN IT COMES TO JOBS: CALIFORNIA ADDED 85-HUNDRED JOBS LAST MONTH. THE STATE JOBLESS RATE FELL TO 10.2 PERCENT, MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE JOBS WERE ADDED HERE IN THE BAY AREA LED BY STRENGTH IN THE TECH SECTOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/12 REPORTED...IN A POLITICAL SEASON WHERE THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS GETTING ALL THE ATTENTION, THERE IS A QUIET MOVEMENT ON CAPITOL HILL TO CHANGE THE LAW THAT GOVERNS CHILDREN WORKING IN FIELDS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. CALIFORNIA CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD HAS RE-INTRODUCED A BILL WHICH IF IT BECOMES LAW, WOULD MAKE CHILD LABOR RULES THE SAME FOR AGRICULTURE AS FOR EVERY OTHER INDUSTRY IN AMERICA

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/12 REPORTED...A SLUGGISH ECONOMY ACROSS THE COUNTRY BUT NOT IN THE SOUTH BAY. ANOTHER SILICON VALLEY COMPANY OPENED ITS DOORS TODAY TO A NEW, BIGGER FACILITY. THE COMPANY HAD TO REINVENT ITSELF AND IS NOW HELPING OTHERS GET AHEAD. HERE'S NBC BAY AREA'S DAMIAN TRUJILLO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/29/12 REPORTED... A BIG SHAKEUP AT APPLE AS TWO TOP EXECUTIVES LEAVE THE COMPANY. SCOTT FORSTALL, APPLE'S HEAD OF MOBILE SOFTWARE, IS LEAVING THE COMPANY. FORSTALL HAS BEEN A COMMON PRESENCE IN APPLE PRODUCT LAUNCHES FOR YEARS, HE JOINED APPLE BACK IN 1997. APPLE ALSO SAYS IT'S HEAD OF RETAIL, JOHN BROWETT, IS LEAVING. HE JOINED THE COMPANY IN APRIL.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/4/12 REPORTED... BRING YOUR OWN BAG OR 10 CENTS! PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOW BANNED FROM ALL RETAILERS IN SAN FRANCISCO- NOT JUST GROCERY STORES AND PHARMACIES. THE NEW RULE IS AN EXPANSION OF A 2007 LAW. ALSO NOW -- BUSINESSES WILL BE CHARGING CUSTOMERS 10 CENTS, FOR ANY OTHER TYPE OF BAG THEY HAND OUT. RESTAURANTS ARE EXEMPT- BUT ONLY FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/4/12 REPORTED... HERE'S THE "HP ELITEPAD" A POWERFUL, 10-INCH SCREEN, 1 1/2 POUND TABLET AIMED AT THE BUSINESS USER WHO LIKES TO GO MOBILE. HP, TRYING TO MAKE PEOPLE FORGET THE PREVIOUS TABLET ENTRY, THE TOUCHPAD, WHICH WAS DISCONTINUED SHORTLY AFTER ITS RELEASE, IS USING WINDOWS 8 INSIDE THE NEW MODEL. THE COMPANY HOPES REGULAR CONSUMERS LIKE IT, TOO. HP IS NOT SAYING HOW MUCH THE NEW TABLET WILL COST. AND, YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO TRY IT OUT, THE RELEASE DATE IS NOT UNTIL JANUARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/5/12 REPORTED... NOT HUNDREDS BUT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LINED UP TODAY FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT STORE. HAVE YOU HEARD OF UNIQGLOW? HERE'S THE SCENE AT SAN FRANCISCO'S UNION SQUARE. A WHOLE STREET HAD TO BE BLOCKED OFF JUST TO HOLD ALL THE PEOPLE IN LINE. IT WAS JUST AS CRAZY INSIDE AS SHOPPERS RUSHED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPENING DAY DEALS. THE COMPANY BOASTS LOW-COST JAPANESE FASHION WITH A TECHY TWIST. SHOPPERS CAN POSE IN FRONT OF DIGITAL MIRRORS WHICH SHOW THEIR CLOTHES IN DIFFERENT COLORS. IT'S THE KIND OF HYPE THAT INSPIRED SHOPPERS TO STAND IN FOR HOURS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... CELL PHONES AND CHINA... TODAY, A US HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUGGESTED THAT THE US GOVERNMENT "NOT" DO BUSINESS WITH CHINESE-BASED TELECOM COMPANIES, INCLUDING HUAWEI, WHICH HAS AN OFFICE IN SANTA CLARA. THE REPORT SAYS COMPANIES LIKE HUAWEI POSE SECURITY RISKS HUAWEI DENIED THAT RISK TODAY. WE ASKED A SECURITY EXPERT IF YOU AND I NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THIS. SO, PROBABLY NOT MUCH OF A RISK TO YOUR "PERSONAL" DEVICES BUT SOMETHING YOUR "OFFICE" IS LIKELY THINKING ABOUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/12 REPORTED... BOGUS BAGS! THE FEDS ARE WARNING DRIVERS TO DOUBLE CHECK THEIR AIRBAGS IF THEY'VE REPLACED THEIR FACTORY INSTALLED ONE. THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION IS WORRIED ABOUT CONTERFEIT AIR BAGS BEING INSTALLED IN U-S CARS. THE AGENCY SAYS THE FAKE AIRBAGS ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT... EXCEPT THAT THEY DON'T WORK WHEN DEPLOYED. CAR OWNERS ARE URGED TO CHECK A FEDERAL WEBSITE, "SAFERCAR-DOT-GOV", OR TO CALL MANUFACTURERS OR LOCAL DEALERSHIPS TO GET THEIR AIRBAGS CHECKED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/12 REPORTED... IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO MERELY SHOP ONLINE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH PHONES. YOU'RE NOW ABLE TO SHOP ONLINE WHEREVER YOU ARE WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE. AND EBAY HAS A NEW APP THAT WILL LET YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT- WITHOUT THE WAIT. THIS IS "EBAY NOW" - ROLLING OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO, TO LET YOU GET THE GOODS YOU BUY, WITH SAME DAY SHIPPING. SOMETHING ONLINE SHOPPERS TELL US, SOLVES A PROBLEM. FOR FIVE DOLLARS AN ORDER, EBAY, LIKE AMAZON AND WAL-MART BEFORE IT WILL SHIP SAME DAY. EBAY ALSO INTRODUCED A Groupon-LIKE DAILY DEAL SERVICE, CLEARLY TRYING TO MOVE BEYOND THE ONLINE AUCTION LABEL WHILE ATTRACTING MORE SHOPPERS. LIKE A GIFT DELIVERED FASTER THAN YOU EXPECT, IT'S A FEATURE ARRIVING JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/12 REPORTED... DISAPPOINTING NEWS FOR P-G-AND-E TONIGHT, AS STATE REGULATORS SIDE WITH CUSTOMERS AND MAKE THE UTILITY COMPANY PICK-UP MOST OF THE COST FOR OVERHAULING ITS GAS PIPELINES. AFTER THE SAN BRUNO EXPLOSION TWO-YEARS AGO, WHICH KILLED EIGHT AND DESTROYED DOZENS OF HOMES, P-G-AND-E PROPOSED BILLING ITS CUSTOMERS FOR 85-PERCENT OF THE COST. BUT TODAY, THE STATE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TENTATIVELY RULED THE UTILITY WILL PAY TWO-THIRDS OF THE OVERHAUL EXPENSES-- AND CONSUMERS THE FINAL THIRD. SHAREHOLDERS WOULD PAY ANY COST OVER-RUNS. P-G-AND-E ESTIMATED THE UPGRADE WILL COST TWO-BILLION DOLLARS AND TAKE SEVERAL YEARS TO COMPLETE. THE FINAL DECISION NOW GOES TO THE FIVE-MEMBER COMMISSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/12 REPORTED... A HALF MILLION BOTTLES OF SUNSCREEN ARE BEING RECALLED, AFTER REPORTS THAT A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE CAUGHT ON FIRE WHEN THEY APPLIED THE LOTION, THEN GOT TOO CLOSE TO AN OPEN FLAME. THE MAKERS OF "BANNANA BOAT" ANNOUNCED THE MASSIVE RECALL TODAY, AFTER REPORTS OF AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE SUFFERING BURNS AFTER USING THE PRODUCT. THE RECALL IS FOR 23 VARIETIES OF SUNSCREEN AND LOTION, INCLUDING AEROSOL PRODUCTS LIKE "ULTRA MIST SPORT." THE PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE WITH THE SPRAY VALVE. IT TAKES LONGER TO DRY, WHICH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR THE PRODUCT TO IGNITE, IF A PERSON GOES NEAR A FLAME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/12 REPORTED... NO DOUBT, THE IPAD HAS ITS FANS BUT IT'S FAR FROM THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN. THE WORLD'S BEST-SELLING TABLET, THE IPAD, IS ABOUT TO FACE A NEW CHALLENGE: TABLETS AND LAPTOPS THAT TURN INTO LAPTOPS. ALL READY TO GIVE APPLE A RUN FOR ITS MONEY ALL RUNNING THE NEW WINDOWS RT FROM MICROSOFT. WINDOWS RT IS A NEW VERSION OF WINDOWS 8, DESIGNED FOR TABLETS AND ULTRALIGHT COMPUTERS. IT COMBINES THE CAPABILITY OF A PC WITH THE BATTERY LIFE AND MOBILITY OF A TABLET. WHAT READ WRITE WEB CALLS A "LITTLE BROTHER" TO MICROSOFT'S NEW WINDOWS 8 SOFTWARE. AN UPGRADE AIMED AT LETTING YOU DO MORE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICES. FOR NVIDIA, WINDOWS THE RT UPGRADE MEANS MORE USERS ON MORE DEVICES ABLE TO DO MORE WITH THE TECHNOLOGY THEY HOLD IN THEIR HANDS. AND, NOW, WITH NEW SOFTWARE, COMES A VARIETY OF NEW DEVICES FOR YOU TO TRY. WILL THESE DEVICES BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF TABLET BUYERS? WE'LL SOON FIND OUT.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED... THE ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS NOT OFFICIALLY TOLD STUDENTS HERE AT ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL THE POPULAR TEACHER IS DEAD. JUST LAST WEEK STUDENTS AND PARENTS LEARNED 6TH GRADE TEACHER AND COACH JAMES IZUMIZAKI WAS ARRESTED; ACCUSED OF A LEWD ACT WITH A CHILD UNDER 14. MANY STUDENTS AND PARENTS REACTED WITH DISBELIEF. SAYING THE POPULAR COACH WAS A DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL. NOW TEACHERS PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE LEARNING ALBANY POLICE SAY A FAMILY MEMBER FOUND MISTER IZUMIZAKI DEAD INSIDE A CAR THIS MORNING. HIS DEATH IS BEING INVESTIGATED AS A SUICIDE. ONE FORMER ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WHO HELPED MISTER I COACH BASKETBALL SAYS HE IS HEART BROKEN BECAUSE A MENTOR AND A FRIEND IS GONE. HE PLANS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PLAY THE REST OF THE SEASON IN HIS HONOR. IZUMIZAKI BAILED OUT OF JAIL LAST WEEK. THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS CHARGES WERE NOT FILED AGAINST HIM IN THE ALLEGED LEWD ACTS CASE BECAUSE THE ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS STILL INVESTIGATING THE CASE. IT'S UP TO ALBANY POLICE TO DECIDE NOW HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE CASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED... FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF TWO FISHERMEN MISSING AT SEA FOR MORE THAN 24 HOURS -- ARE NOT GIVING UP HOPE THEIR LOVED ONES WILL BE FOUND ALIVE. THE COAST GUARD SPENT MOST OF THE DAY SEARCHING FOR THE TWO MEN, WHOSE BOAT CAPSIZED YESTERDAY MORNING NEAR THE SAN MATEO COAST. FOUR FRIENDS LEFT SAN FRANCISCO IN AN 18 FOOT BOAT, AND HEADED OUT TO HALF MOON BAY. A BIG WAVE CRASHED INTO THE BOAT, SENDING ALL FOUR OVERBOARD. TWO OF THE MEN HAD LIFE JACKETS, AND SWAM TO SHORE TO FIND HELP. THE OTHER TWO WERE NOT WEARING LIFE JACKETS, AND ARE STILL MISSING. HOWEVER, REGULAR JACKETS THAT THEY WERE WEARING WERE FOUND NEATLY PLACED ON NEARBY ROCKS. THE COAST GUARD SPENT THE DAY SEARCHING FOR THE MEN BY BOAT AND HELICOPTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/5/12 REPORTED... A HAPPY ENDING TONIGHT TO A STORY WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING-- ABOUT A LOCAL MAN'S ORDEAL TO RECEIVE A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. JESUS NAVARRO WAITED SEVEN YEARS FOR A KIDNEY, AND TODAY PROUDLY SHOWED-OFF HIS TRANSPLANT SCAR, AND ALL THE POST TRANSPLANT MEDICINE HE'S NOW TAKING, FOLLOWING LAST WEEK'S LIFE-SAVING SURGERY. BECAUSE HE'S AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT, THERE WAS CONFUSION OVER WHETHER HIS STATUS AFFECTED HIS PLACE ON THE TRANSPLANT LIST AND WHETHER HE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR SURGERY. HIS STORY WENT VIRAL ON THE INTERNET, PROMPTING DONALD KAGAN OF SAN RAMON TO STEP IN AND HELP GET NAVARRO'S SITUATION STRAIGHTENED OUT. KAGAN SAYS ANYONE WHO'S WORKING IN THE US PAYS INTO MEDICARE, AND PAYS FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES AND SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO TREATMENT. NAVARRO SAYS AMONG THE THINGS HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO IS TAKING HIS THREE-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER TRICK-OR-TREATING FOR HALLOWEEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... HE SAID HE WAS AT HIS HOME, DOING CHORES, WHEN HE GOT THE GOOD NEWS. A SCIENTIST AT UCSF HAS WON THE NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE. SHINYA YAMANAKA GOT THE NEWS WHILE IN JAPAN WHERE HE ALSO WORKS. FELLOW RESEARCHERS AT THE GLADSTONE INSTITUTES IN SAN FRANCISCO HELD A VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH YAMANAKA. HIS DISCOVERY IS ON HOW TO TRANSFORM ORDINARY SKIN CELLS, LIKE STEM CELLS, SO THEY CAN TAKE ON THE PROPERTIES OF ANY OTHER CELL ON THE BODY. HE SAID HE WAS THANKFUL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT HE HAS GOTTEN HERE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE SAYS THIS IS A REAL BREAKTHROUGH. RESEARCHERS SAY THIS COULD LEAD TO IMPROVED DRUG DISCOVERY, AND ADVANCEMENTS IN REGENERATIVE MEDICINE. IT COULD HELP WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, HEART, BRAIN AND RETINA CARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/12 REPORTED... ENORMOUS PRIDE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY TODAY, AS ONE OF ITS PROFESSORS TODAY WON THE NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY: THE SECOND TO BE WON BY A BAY AREA SCIENTIST THIS WEEK. BRIAN KOBILKA AND HIS PARTNER, WHO TEACHES AT DUKE, BEGAN THEIR WORK ON PROTEIN RECEPTORS BACK IN 1968. ABOUT HALF OF ALL MEDICATIONS ACT ON THESE RECEPTORS, SO LEARNING ABOUT THEM HAS ALLOWED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO DEVELOP BETTER DRUGS. DOCTOR KOBILKA SAID HE GOT THE FAMOUS PHONE CALL AT TWO-THIRTY THIS MORNING AND FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PASSED THE PHONE AROUND CONGRATULATING HIM. HE SAYS WHEN FIVE PEOPLE TALK TO YOU WITH SWEDISH ACCENTS; YOU REALIZE IT'S NOT A PRANK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/12 REPORTED... HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN EVERY YEAR GET A HUGE SMILE ON THEIR FACES, THANKS TO ONE SOUTH BAY FAMILY. THEY HAND OUT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO NEEDY FAMILIES, AND GIVE OUT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIPS. FOR MANY, THE SANTIAGO FAMILY IS KNOWN SIMPLY AS SANTA'S HELPERS. NBC BAY AREA'S DAMIAN TRUJILLO SAT DOWN WITH THIS YEAR'S WINNERS OF THE "LA FAMILIA" AWARD, THE FAMILY OF THE YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/15/12 REPORTED... A SAN BRUNO BOY WHO IS FIGHTING BRAIN CANCER IS MAKING SURE OTHER KIDS CAN ENJOY HALLOWEEN AS MUCH AS HE DOES. SIX-YEAR-OLD NICO CASTRO WAS HEADED HOME TO SAN BRUNO FROM HIS LATEST CHEMO TREATMENT WHEN HE REALIZED SOME OF THE KIDS HE KNEW AT THE HOSPITAL WOULD NOT BE OUT IN TIME TO TRICK-OR-TREAT. THAT'S WHEN NICO ASKED HIS MOM IF THEY COULD BUY COSTUMES FOR ALL OF THE CHILDREN AT KAISER IN OAKLAND. THE CASTRO FAMILY'S BEEN COLLECTING DONATIONS AT THEIR BODY SHOP EVER SINCE. IN ADDITION TO THE 50 COSTUMES, THE FAMILY'S GOTTEN ENOUGH DONATIONS FOR ABOUT A HUNDRED GOODY BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN. NICO'S FAMILY PLANS TO DROP ALL OF IT OFF ON WEDNESDAY, WHEN NICO HAS HIS NEXT CHEMO TREATMENT. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE BEFORE THEN, YOU CAN BRING IT TO "C -AND- C AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING" ON SAN MATEO AVENUE IN SAN BRUNO. BY THE WAY, NICO'S DOCTOR'S SAY HIS PROGNOSIS IS VERY GOOD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED... A 15 YEAR OLD SONOMA COUNTY GIRL WAS REPORTEDLY ABDUCTED BY HER GODFATHER. NOW A STATEWIDE SEARCH IS ON. RUBI CRUZ-MENDOZA WAS WALKING WITH A FRIEND IN PETALUMA YESTERDAY WHEN A CAR PULLED-UP WITH THE SUSPECT IN THE PASSENGER SEAT. 29-YEAR OLD *HILARIO MATUS-CARMONA* USED TO LIVE WITH THE FAMILY, BUT APPARENTLY MOVED-OUT WHEN THE PARENTS REALIZED HE AND THE TEENAGER WERE HAVING A PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, POLICE SAY MATUS-CARMONA SHOVED THE GIRL'S FRIEND TO THE GROUND WHEN HE INTERVENED, AND THE GREY, TWO-DOOR COMPACT DROVE-OFF WITH RUBI INSIDE. INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE MAY HAVE GONE VOLUNTARILY.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED... IS HE COMPETENT ENOUGH TO STAND TRIAL? THAT'S THE QUESTION FROM THE JUDGE IN THE TRIAL OF A MAN ACCUSED IN THE MASS KILLING AT AN OAKLAND UNIVERSITY. "ONE- IL- GOH" APPEARED IN COURT TODAY TO FACE MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES IN THE APRIL SHOOTING SPREE AT OIKOS [[OY-KOSS]] UNIVERSITY. TODAY -- A JUDGE SUSPENDED THE TRIAL AND ORDERED TWO PSYCHIATRISTS TO EXAMINE GOH'S MENTAL STATE. THEY MUST REPORT THEIR FINDINGS BY A NOVEMBER HEARING BEFORE THE TRIAL CAN RESUME. GOH WAS A NURSING STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY OPENED FIRE ON HIS CLASSMATES AND A TEACHER; KILLING SEVEN PEOPLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED...OPENING STATEMENTS TODAY IN THE TRIAL OF THE WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING 26 YEAR OLD NURSING STUDENT MICHELLE LE. LE'S FAMILY PACKED THE OAKLAND COURTROOM. PROSECUTORS BEGAN BY SHOWING A PICTURE OF LE SMILING, AND LATER A SURVEILLANCE PHOTO OF HER HEADING TO THE KAISER HOSPITAL PARKING LOT IN HAYWARD, WHERE SHE WAS LAST SEEN IN MAY OF LAST YEAR. LE'S BODY WAS FOUND 4 MONTHS LATER BETWEEN SUNOL AND PLEASANTON. PROSECUTORS SAY GISELLE ESTEBAN KILLED LE BECAUSE SHE WAS JEALOUS OF HER AND BLAMED HER FOR RUINING THE RELATIONSHIP ESTEBAN HAD WITH HER BABY'S FATHER. MARC KLAAS, WHOSE DAUGHTER POLLY WAS KILLED IN 1993, HELPED WITH SEARCH FOR LE'S BODY AND WAS IN COURT TODAY. ESTEBAN'S ATTORNEY DECLINED TO COMMENT TODAY. THE TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO LAST ONE MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/5/12 REPORTED...HAYWARD POLICE SHOT AND KILLED A SUSPECTED CAR THIEF TODAY AFTER THEY SAY HE FAILED TO OBEY ORDERS TO SHOW HIS HANDS. JUST AFTER 11 A-M, A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE WAS REPORTED TO POLICE. THE OFFICER WHO ARRIVED DETERMINED IT WAS STOLEN, BUT WHEN HE APPROACHED THE DRIVER, HE SAYS THE MAN REFUSED TO RAISE HIS HANDS, AND REACHED FOR WHAT THE OFFICER THOUGHT WAS A WEAPON, PROMPTING THE OFFICER TO FIRE. INVESTIGATORS SAY AFTER THE SHOOTING THEY DID FIND A WEAPON IN THE CAR, BUT THE SUSPECT APPARENTLY DIDN'T FIRE IT. IT'S THE SECOND USED OF DEADLY FORCE IN HAYWARD IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... OAKLAND POLICE HOPE AN AUTOPSY WILL SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE CASE OF A BODY FOUND IN THE BACK SEAT OF A PARKED CAR YESTERDAY. THE CAR WAS NEAR THE CORNER OF RITCHIE AND OLIVE STREETS, NOT FAR FROM ARROYO VIEJO PARK IN EAST OAKLAND. OFFICERS SAY SOMEONE DISCOVERED A MAN'S BODY, WRAPPED IN FABRIC IN THE BACK OF THE CAR, AROUND FIVE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THERE WERE NO OBVIOUS SIGNS OF TRAUMA. AN AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW. INVESTIGATORS ARE URGING ANYONE WITH INFORMATION TO COME FORWARD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/9/12 REPORTED... IN THIS DEMONSTRATION AT THE COUNTY'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING IN DUBLIN: IT'S A MAN STANDING IN THE SHADOWS ON A ROOFTOP; THREE POSSIBLE EXPLOSIVES IN HIS REACH. ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF GREG AHERN SAYS HIS OFFICE WOULD ONLY USE THE DRONE DURING EMERGENCIES. AND FOR PROACTIVE POLICING, LIKE CATCHING MARIJUANA FIELDS ON PUBLIC LANDS, AND IN GROW HOUSES. ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE ASSETS? A LIVE VIDEO FEED. BUT NOT EVERYONE'S A FAN. THE ACLU WANTS DRONES ONLY DEPLOYED WHEN THERE'S A WARRANT. AND WORRIED THEY MIGHT HURT PRIVACY AND PEOPLE. SHERIFF AHERN SAYS AN ARMED DRONE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. ADDING LOCAL AGENCIES NEED TO CAPITALIZE ON INNOVATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/12 REPORTED... THE TWO PEOPLE BUSTED DRIVING SUSIE KO'S CAR... ARE A HUSBAND AND WIFE WHO'VE BEEN ON A CRIME SPREE SINCE THE END OF THE SUMMER. AND NOW, HERCULES POLICE DETECTIVES WILL ASK THEM WHY THEY WERE IN THE MURDER VICTIM'S STOLEN CAR. 24-YEAR OLD DARNELL WASHINGTON - AND HIS WIFE - 25-YEAR OLD TANIA WASHINGTON WERE ARRESTED ABOUT NINE THIS MORNING AFTER A POLICE OFFICER IN WASHINGTON DISCOVERED THEY WERE IN THE BLUE SUBARU OUTBACK WAGON STOLEN FROM SUSIE KO'S HOME. THE 55-YEAR OLD RETIRED TEACHER AND MOTHER OF FOUR WAS STABBED AND BEATEN TO DEATH IN HER HOME ON FRIDAY. THIS MORNING, WHEN THE OFFICER TRIED TO APPROACH THE COUPLE IN THE STOLEN SUBARU, THE WIFE SMASHED INTO A PATROL CAR AND FLED THE SCENE. SHE GOT BOXED IN, HER HUSBAND TOOK OVER AND RAMMED SEVERAL POLICE CARS... UNSUCCESSFULLY. THE TWO WERE ORDERED OUT OF THE SUBARU BY POLICE AT GUNPOINT. AFTER DARNELL AND TANIA WASHINGTON WERE IN CUSTODY, INVESTIGATORS DISCOVERED... THE COUPLE HAD BEEN ON A CRIME SPREE THAT STARTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON AUGUST 28TH. THAT'S WHEN DARNELL WASHINGTON ESCAPED FROM SAN BERNADINO COUNTY JAIL... WITH HIS WIFE'S HELP. ON SEPTEMBER SECOND, DARNELL IS SUSPECTED OF SHOOTING AND WOUNDING AN L-A COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WHO APPROACHED HIM IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THEY'RE SUSPECTED IN ANOTHER CARJACKING AND ROBBERY BETWEEN THEN AND OCTOBER 5TH, WHEN SUSIE KO WAS KILLED IN HER HERCULES HOME. WE REACHED OUT TO SUSIE KO'S FAMILY AND THEY TELL US THAT WHILE THEY ARE EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTED... TODAY'S ARRESTS BRING THEM A SENSE OF RELIEF.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/12 REPORTED... NOW TO AN NBC BAY AREA FOLLOW UP THE POSTAL SERVICE IS NOW OFFERING A BIG REWARD TO HELP CATCH THIEVES STEALING MAIL IN THE SOUTH BAY. IT'S A STORY WE FIRST UNCOVERED AND BROKE LAST WEEK. SOMEONE HAS BEEN BREAKING INTO COMMUNITY MAILBOXES IN ONE SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE VANDALS BREAK THE BACK PANELS OF THE MAILBOXES, AND STEAL THE MAIL. TONIGHT, THE U-S POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE IS OFFERING A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE CULPRITS. THAT OFFICE SENT ARMED OFFICERS INTO ROSE AVENUE AND NANCY LANE, AFTER OUR REPORT LAST WEEK ON THE THEFTS. THE THIEVES FACE FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON AND A QUARTER-MILLION-DOLLAR FINE. THE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN TRAVELING TO THE LOCAL POST OFFICE TO GET THEIR MAIL. REPAIRING THE VANDALIZED MAILBOXES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LANDLORD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/12 REPORTED... A RICHMOND MAN CONVICTED OF INSTIGATING A NOTORIOUS GANG RAPE AFTER A HOMECOMING DANCE THREE YEARS AGO WILL SERVE 32 YEARS FOR THE CRIME. MANUEL ORTEGA WAS THE FIRST OF SIX DEFENDENTS CHARGED IN THE BRUTAL 2009 ASSAULT ON A 15 YEAR OLD. THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRL WAS LEAVING A DANCE WHEN SHE STARTED TALKING WITH A GROUP OF MEN AND BOYS ON CAMPUS. SHE WAS BEATEN, ROBBED AND RAPED OVER A TWO HOUR PERIOD WHILE OTHERS WATCHED. THE COMMUNITY WAS ENRAGED THAT NO ONE CALLED POLICE. ORTEGA FACED A LIFE SENTENCE, BUT ACCEPTED A PLEA BARGAIN AND WAS OFFICIALLY SENTENCED THIS MORNING.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED...GOVERNOR BROWN WAS JUST UNDER THE DEADLINE, WHEN HE SIGNED A BILL ALLOWING YOUNG UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS TO QUALIFY FOR CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSES. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY THEY HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED BY A FEDERAL WORK PERMIT PROGRAM. THE NEW LAW COULD IMPACT AN ESTIMATED FOUR-HUNDRED-THOUSAND PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 30. IT TAKES EFFECT JANUARY FIRST, BUT THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROGRAM DON'T EXPECT A RUSH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. THE BILL'S AUTHOR, AN LA ASSEMBLY MEMBER, SAYS THE NEW LAW WILL MAKE THE HIGHWAY SAFER FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED...OTHER STATES ARE TAKING NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA'S NEW LAW AGAINST SO-CALLED CONVERSION THERAPY INTENDED TO MAKE GAY TEENAGERS STRAIGHT. GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNED THE BILL SATURDAY, CALLING THE PRACTICE "QUACKERY." NOW GAY RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ARE PUSHING FOR SIMILAR LAWS. ACTIVISTS ON THE OTHER SIDE ARE BUSY, TOO WITH A PAIR OF CHRISTIAN LEGAL GROUPS VOWING TO SUE. THEY WANT TO BLOCK THE NEW LAW WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1ST. THE LAWYERS PLAN TO ARGUE THAT THE LAW INFRINGES ON THE THERAPISTS FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... A SUPERMARKET CHAIN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S *E-VERIFY PROGRAM* IS PROMPTING LATINO COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ORGANIZE A BOYCOTT. E-VERIFY MANDATES THAT EMPLOYERS CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PROSPECTIVE WORKERS. BUT ACTIVISTS SAY BECAUSE WORKERS AT THE STORE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF EXPLORING UNION ACTIVITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO BACK OFF. THE E-VERIFY PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY IN CALIFORNIA, SO ACTIVISTS ARE CRITICAL OF MI PUEBLO FOR COOPERATING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S AUDIT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... THERE IS A TROUBLING TREND AMONG MANY CHILDREN WITH AUTISM -- THE TENDENCY TO WANDER OFF, OR RUN AWAY. IN A SURVEY OF MORE THAN 13-HUNDRED FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO'D BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, 49-PERCENT SAID THEIR CHILD HAD ATTEMPTED TO WANDER AWAY FROM HOME OR THE FAMILY. AND, MANY HAD BEEN GONE LONG ENOUGH THAT POLICE HAD TO BE CALLED. SOME PARENTS DID SAY THEIR KIDS WANDERED OFF WITH THE SIMPLE INTENT TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE CONFUSED OR LOST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE A PROTESTANT MAJORITY. A NEW STUDY SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE OF PROTESTANT ADULTS IN THE U-S HAS FALLEN TO 48 PERCENT. THE *PEW FORUM ON RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE* FOUND THE FASTEST-GROWING GROUP IS AMERICANS WITH NO RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR ONE-IN-FIVE PEOPLE. THE DROP HAS LONG BEEN ANTICIPATED AND COMES AT A TIME WHEN NO PROTESTANTS ARE ON THE U-S SUPREME COURT, AND REPUBLICANS HAVE THEIR FIRST PRESIDENTIAL TICKET WITH NO PROTESTANT NOMINEES. THE TREND HAS FURTHER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. AMERICAN VOTERS WHO DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS "HAVING NO RELIGION" VOTE OVERWHELMINGLY FOR DEMOCRATS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED...NOW TO AN NBC BAY AREA FOLLOW UP. THEY CAN STAY, BUT NOT TOO MUCH LONGER. DISABLED VETERANS LIVING ONBOARD BOATS IN SAUSALITO HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY CAN STAY UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER. THE MARINA IS NOT SAFE TO LIVE IN AND COSTS TOO MUCH TO REPAIR. THE VETERANS HAVE BEEN THERE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS IN HORSESHOE COVE MARINA IN FORT BAKER. TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE RENTS THE MARINA FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE...THE VETS WERE ORIGINALLY TOLD THEY HAD UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO MOVE OUT.

ATTORNEYS FOR THE MEN SAY AFTER OUR STORY RAN. THE AIR FORCE EXTENDED THEIR STAY. IN THE MEANTIME, THEY'RE APPEALING TO SENATOR DIANE FEINSTEIN AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TAKE-UP THEIR CAUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED...THE GAY BOY SCOUT WHO WAS KICKED OUT OF THE ORGANIZATION AND DENIED HIS EAGLE SCOUT AWARD -- IS TAKING HIS FIGHT TO HIS LOCAL COUNCIL IN THE EAST BAY. RYAN ANDRESEN (AN-DRE-SEN) ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS CARRIED IN BOXES FILLED WITH MORE THAN 400 THOUSAND PETITION SIGNATURES TO THE MT. DIABLO-SILVERADO BOY SCOUT COUNCIL IN PLEASANT HILL. ANDRESEN WAS KICKED OUT OF SCOUTING JUST DAYS BEFORE HIS 18TH BIRTHDAY WHEN HIS TROOP FOUND OUT HE WAS GAY. ANDRESEN'S MOTHER STARTED THE ONLINE CAMPAIGN TO CONVINCE THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TO GIVE HER SON HIS EAGLE AWARD. THE LOCAL CHAPTER HANDED OUT A STATEMENT WHICH SAYS IN PART THAT THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAS A POLICY THAT DOESN'T ALLOW GAYS OR ATHEISTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/12 REPORTED...A NEW GALLUP SURVEY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS. IT'S THE LARGEST ATTEMPT **EVER** TO COUNT AMERICA'S GAY POPULATION, BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH 121-THOUSAND PEOPLE. THE SURVEY ESTIMATES THAT JUST OVER 3 PERCENT OF ADULTS IN THE US IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, OR TRANS-GENDER. YOUNGER AMERICANS, AGES 18-29, ARE THREE-TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN THOSE OVER AGE-65 TO IDENTIFY AS LGBT. THERE WAS A SLIGHT GENDER DIFFERENCE: THREE-POINT-SIX PERCENT OF WOMEN IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS LGBT, COMPARED TO THREE-POINT-THREE PERCENT OF MEN.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/5/12 REPORTED... REACHING FOR A LIFELINE, CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO WILL SOON GET A SPECIAL TRUSTEE TO OVERSEE THE TROUBLED SCHOOL AS IT TRIES TO HANG-ONTO ITS ACCREDITATION. THE COLLEGE'S REQUEST FOR A TRUSTEE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES' BOARD OF GOVERNORS.THE NATIONAL ACCREDITING COMMISSION HAS GIVEN CITY COLLEGE UNTIL OCTOBER 15TH TO PRODUCE AN ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS ITS FINANCIAL AND MANAGERIAL PROBLEMS. THE SCHOOL HAS A MANDATE TO TURN ITSELF AROUND BY MARCH, OR FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSURE IN JUNE. THE SCHOOL HAS OUTLINED A PLAN WHICH CALLS FOR LAYING-OFF STAFF CUTTING SALARIES, AND CUTTING SOME CLASSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/5/12 REPORTED... A STANFORD UNIVERSITY STUDY IS SHEDDING LIGHT ON READING SKILLS IN YOUNG CHILDREN. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT BRAIN-SCANS CAN IDENTIFY NEUROLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STRONG READERS AND WEAK ONES. IDENTIFYING HOW THE CIRCUITRY REFLECTS WHAT'S LEARNED, MEANS IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP SPECIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE POOR READERS. INDIVIDUALIZED LESSON PLANS COULD BE CREATED. STUDIES HAVE ALREADY SHOWN THAT THOSE WHO DON'T READ WELL AS YOUNG STUDENTS, GENERALLY CONTINUE TO HAVE POOR READING SKILLS TEN-YEARS LATER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED... A COURT HEARING OVER WHICH MIDDLE SCHOOL AN ELEVEN YEAR OLD WILL ATTEND DOESN'T NORMALLY DRAW THE NATIONAL MEDIA, BUT A PALO ALTO FAMILY IS TONIGHT IN THE SPOLIGHT. FOLLOWING UP ON A STORY WE BROUGHT YOU LAST NIGHT, THE PARENTS OF COLMAN CHADAM SHARED THEIR STORY ON THE TODAY SHOW THIS MORNING. THE FAMILY IS CHALLENGING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DECISION TO TRANSFER COLMAN OUT OF JORDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL. COLMAN CARRIES THE GENETIC MUTATION FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS, BUT HIS FAMILY INSISTS HE DOESN'T **HAVE** THE DISEASE. AT ISSUE, A STUDENT WITH C-F ALREADY GOES TO JORDAN AND BECAUSE OF CONCERNS OVER BACTERIAL CROSS-CONTAMINATION,

DOCTORS OFTEN RECOMMEND ONLY ONE C-F CARRYING STUDENT BE ALLOWED PER SCHOOL. COLMAN'S PARENTS SAY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS OVERREACTING. COLMAN'S PARENTS ARE HOME-SCHOOLING HIM WHILE THEY WAIT FOR THE COURT'S DECISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED... IT IS, RAJ THEY'RE ALREADY BATTLING OVER TABLETS IN YOUR 'HOME' NOW, AMAZON WANTS TO PUT ITS KINDLE E-READERS INTO LOCAL SCHOOLS. INTRODUCING A PLAN TODAY THAT WILL LET SCHOOLS USE KINDLES TO DOWNLOAD BOOKS FOR STUDENTS. APPLE HAS ALREADY MADE INROADS BY PUTTING IPADS INTO SCHOOLS. WE'VE SEEN MANY EXAMPLES HERE IN THE BAY AREA. AMAZON MAKES TABLETS THAT ARE LESS EXPANSIVE THAN THE IPAD

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED... STUDENTS AND OFFICIALS AT SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE ARE CROSING THEIR FINGERS. THE FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL COULD BE DETERMINED BY THE UPCOMING ELECTION. SAN FRANCISCO CITY IS TRYING TO KEEP ITS DOORS OPEN, AFTER A COLLEGE BOARD THREATENED TO STRIP THE FINANCIALLY TROUBLED SCHOOL OF ITS ACCREDIDATION. THE SCHOOL HAS UNTIL MARCH TO TURN THINGS AROUND. IN THE MEANTIME, PROP 'A' ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT WOULD RAISE 14 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE SCHOOL THROUGH A PARCEL TAX. THE SCHOOL COULD ALSO LOSE 11 MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING IF THE GOVERNOR'S PROP 30 TAX MEASURE FAILS TO PASS. CRITICS OF PROP *A* SAY THE COLLEGE GOT ITSELF INTO ITS CURRENT TROUBLES WITH FINANCIAL MIS-MANAGEMENT. THEY SAY THE TAX PAYERS SHOULDN'T BE ASKED TO NOW BAIL IT OUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED... IF YOU'VE TRIED TO SUMMON-UP THE MONEY RECENTLY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE, THIS NUMBER REALLY SHOULDN'T SHOCK YOU: 26-THOUSAND 6-HUNDRED DOLLARS. THAT'S HOW MUCH THE *AVERAGE BORROWER OWED IN COLLEGE LOANS IN 2011, ACCORDING TO A STUDY RELEASED BY THE 'PROJECT ON STUDENT DEBT'. BUT WHAT IF I TOLD YOU, THAT FIGURE'S ACTUALLY KIND OF A BARGAIN? IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT KIND OF INCREASES STUDENTS HAVE ABSORBED HISTORICALLY OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES THAT FIVE-PERCENT INCREASE IN STUDENT DEBT BETWEEN 2010 AND 2011, DOESN'T SOUND ALL THAT BAD. WE CHECKED OUT SOME OF THE NUMBERS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DATING BACK TWENTY YEARS, AND HERE'S WHAT WE FOUND: FIRST THE RAW FIGURES. IN 1993, THE AVERAGE STUDENT BORROWER HAD ABOUT 9-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DEBT...IF YOU LOOK AT ALL PUBLIC, AND NON-PROFIT, FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES. THAT FIGURE JUMPS TO 12-THOUSAND 7-HUNDRED IN 1996...AND THEN LEAPS TO 17-THOUSAND 250 FOUR YEARS LATER. AFTER A COUPLE MORE BUMPS, THE AVERAGE DEBT FIGURE SETTLES AT 26-THOUSAND 600 DOLLARS, LAST YEAR. BUT THE MORE STARTLING PERSPECTIVE...MIGHT BE THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE. AS WE MENTIONED, 2011 WAS A 5-PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE YEAR BEFORE. AVERAGE STUDENT DEBT IS UP 17-PERCENT SINCE 2008...44-PERCENT SINCE 2004....54-PERCENT SINCE 2000...109-PERCENT SINCE 1996 AND AN UNIMAGINABLE 184-PERCENT SINCE 1993. MANY STUDENTS WORRY THEY'LL HAVE FEW OPTIONS LEFT, IF THIS TREND CONTINUES. THAT'S THE DILEMMA MANY STUDENTS FIND THEMSELVES IN THOUGH. CALIFORNIANS HAVE FARED BETTER THAN MOST- THE STATE HAS THE THIRD LOWEST AVERAGE DEBT-PER-BORROWER, IN THE COUNTRY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/12 REPORTED... JERRY BROWN'S FACE HAS BEEN A FIXTURE ON TELEVISION THESE DAYS AS HAVE EDUCATION ADVOCATES ALL OVER CALIFORNIA. THEY'RE TRYING TO WIN OVER YOUR VOTE FOR COMPETING TAX HIKE PLANS, PROP 30 AND 38, THAT CLAIM TO SAVE EDUCATION FROM THE BRINK IN THE GOLDEN STATE. DR. JOHN ELLWOOD BUDGETARY EXPERT AND PROFESSOR AT BERKELEY'S GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AGREED TO SIT DOWN WITH NBC BAY AREA FRIDAY TO VET THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE ADS. RELATIVELY ACCURATE, PERHAPS, BUT DR. ELLWOOD WAS ABLE TO POKE SOME HOLES. FIRST, LET'S START WITH PROP 30, WHICH PREDICTS 6-BILLION IN REVENUE A YEAR TO BE USED PRIMARILY FOR EDUCATION BY RAISING TAXES ON HIGH-INCOME EARNERS AND THE SALES TAX. DR. ELLWOOD IMMEDIATELY NOTES THOSE CUTS ARE

'RESTORATIVE' IN THE SENSE THAT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET WILL AUTOMATICALLY *CUT MORE THAN 5 BILLION IN K-14 SPENDING...UNLESS VOTERS PASS PROP 30. AND THAT'S WRITTEN IN STONE. BUT TO GET TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE, WHAT ABOUT FUTURE YEARS? DESPITE PROMISES THAT PROP 30 REVENUES 'MUST GO TO THE CLASSROOMS', ELLWOOD SAYS THERE'S NOTHING PREVENTING CALIFORNIA POLITICIANS FROM USING THAT GENERAL FUND MONEY FOR OTHER NEEDS. AS FOR PROP 38- WHICH ESTIMATES SOME 10-BILLION A YEAR FOR THE NEXT DECADE THROUGH A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX HIKE THE MAIN SELLING POINT IS ALL MONEY GOES STRAIGHT TO THE CLASSROOM. IS THAT TRUE? WHAT ABOUT THE MONEY DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING STATE EDUCATION BONDS OR IOU'S IN THE FIRST FEW YEARS?

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/29/12 REPORTED... TWO BAY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE AMONG 23 IN THE STATE WHICH HAVE BEEN STRIPPED OF THEIR STANDARDIZED TEST RANKINGS-- AFTER IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED BY TEACHERS. ONE OF THE SCHOOLS, FAIRWOOD ELEMENTARY IN SUNNYVALE, SELF-REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO THE STATE BACK IN MAY, REALIZING WHEN A TEACHER LOOKED AHEAD IN THE TEST BOOKLET AND TAUGHT AN IMPROMPTU LESSON ON AN UPCOMING QUESTION, THAT IT CONSTITUTED AS CHEATING. THAT TEACHER IS NO LONGER WITH THE DISTRICT. OAKLAND'S GLOBAL FAMILY SCHOOL ALSO LOST ITS RANKING, WHEN A 5TH GRADE TEACHER KEPT CHARTS AND REFERENCE MATERIALS POSTED IN THE ROOM DURING THE SIX DAYS OF TESTING.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/9/12 REPORTED... A SEA LION WITH FISHING LINE WRAPPED AROUND HIS NECK HAS BEEN RESCUED FROM A FLOATING PLATFORM IN SAN FRANCISCO. BUT A SECOND SEA LION, ALSO TANGLED-UP, MANAGED TO SLIP INTO THE WATER BEFORE A RESCUE TEAM COULD CATCH IT. BYSTANDERS WHO SAW THE TROUBLED ANIMALS AT PIER 39 NOTIFIED THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER. IT SENT A CREW TO SEDATE THE YOUNG MALE SEA LION AND LOAD HIM ONTO A TRUCK, WHICH TOOK HIM TO SAUSALITO. STAFF MEMBERS ALSO GAVE HIM A COOL NAME: "BLONDE BOMBER." TONIGHT, A SPOKESMAN SAYS THE ANIMAL IS DOING WELL, AND WILL HAVE THE FISHING LINE REMOVED TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/12 REPORTED...WE BEGIN WITH A DEVELOPING WEATHER STORY TAKE A LOOK AT THIS. HAIL...LOTS OF HAIL IN GILROY THIS AFTERNOON, SOMETHING CONSIDERED PRETTY UNUSUAL FOR THAT AREA...AND WITH IT CAME THUNDER AND LIGHTNING TOO...CREATING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WEATHER. LET'S BRING IN CHIEF METEOROLOGIST JEFF RANIERI IN THE NBC BAY AREA WEATHER CENTER WHO IS TRACKING MORE STORMS ON THE RADAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/12 REPORTED...IT'S A WELCOME SIGHT FOR SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS, THE SIERRA IS SEEING AN EARLY DUSTING OF SNOW. SAY HELLO TO THE FIRST SNOWMAN OF THE YEAR AT HEAVENLY MOUNTAIN RESORT. BOTH HEAVENLY AND KIRKWOOD SKI RESORTS ARE BOTH REPORTING UP TO AN INCH OF SNOW FALL OVERNIGHT AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS. MANY SKI RESORTS IN THE SIERRA SAY THEY HOPE TO HAVE ENOUGH SNOW TO OPEN BY EARLY NEXT MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED...A WILDFIRE , IN THE HILLS ABOVE SANTA BARBARA, IS CHASING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOMES TONIGHT. THE FIRE IS BURNING IN THE PAINTED CAVE AREA--A MIX OF CABINS AND HIGH END HOMES ON A RIDGE LINE ABOVE SANTA BARBARA. THE FIRE STARTED NOT FAR FROM HIGHWAY 154 AND QUICKLY SCORCHED 15 ACRES. SO FAR NO BUILDINGS HAVE BURNED. ONE FIREFIGHTER DID SUFFER MINOR INJURIES TO HIS LEG. LAST CHECK THE FIRE IS 45 PERCENT CONTAINED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED... A SEA LION FOUND ENTANGLED IN PLASTIC WASTED NO TIME GETTING BACK INTO THE WATER TODAY AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF REST AND REHABILITATION ON LAND. THE SEA LION NICKNAMED "THE BLOND BOMBER" WAS FOUND OCTOBER 9TH ON PIER 39 WITH PLASTIC AROUND ITS NECK. A VET REMOVED THE WRAPPING AND TOOK TESTS TO MAKE SURE IT WAS DISEASE FREE. THIS MORNING A CREW FROM THE MARINE MAMMEL CENTER TOOK THE BLOND BOMBER TO RODEO BEACH IN THE MARIN HEADLANDS AND RELEASED IT BACK INTO THE OCEAN. WITH A QUICK GLANCE BACK IT WAS GONE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/23/12 REPORTED... THE PLASTIC BAG BAN IN SAN MATEO COUNTY IS NOW A STEP CLOSER TO REALITY. TODAY COUNTY SUPERVISORS VOTED TO BAN "ONE-TIME USE" PLASTIC BAGS AT MOST STORES. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS OVER PLASTIC POLLUTING WATERWAYS AND HARMING WILDLIFE ARE A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE BAN. THERE WILL BE ONE LAST VOTE ON THE MATTER. IT WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 6TH. EVEN IF IT PASSES RESTAURANTS WILL STILL PROVIDE PLASTIC BAGS FOR TAKE-OUT FOOD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/12 REPORTED... 35 OUT OF 40 DAY-CARE FACILITIES AND PRE-SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA ARE EXPOSING CHILDREN TO EXCESSIVE LEVELS OF CONTAMINANTS-- WHETHER THEY'RE IN THE AIR, THE FURNITURE -- OR CARPET. THAT'S THE FINDING OF A STUDY BY THE STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD. RESEARCHERS SAY WHILE THE LEVELS ARE NOT THREATENING, PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO THE TOXINS, PARTICULARLY BY CHILDREN, CAN RESULT IN HEALTH PROBLEMS. THE ANALYSES WERE DONE ON FACILITIES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND MONTEREY COSTAL AREAS. EXPERTS SAY PARENTS CAN HELP WITH AVOIDING CHEMICAL EXPOSURE BY WASHING NEW CLOTHING BEFORE IT'S WORN, AND BY USING "GREEN" CLEANING PRODUCTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/12 REPORTED... HURRICANE SANDY IS STILL DAYS AWAY FROM MAKING LANDFALL IN THE U-S, BUT ALREADY NEW YORK'S MAYOR IS DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY. WHILE COASTAL RESIDENTS FILL SANDBAGS AND DUST-OFF THEIR GENERATORS AND FLASHLIGHTS, THE NEW YORK MAYOR BLOOMBERG IS DRAWING-UP EVACUATION PLANS AND CONSIDERING CLOSING SCHOOLS ON MONDAY. SANDY IS ALREADY A DEADLY STORM, TAKING MORE THAN TWO-DOZEN LIVES IN HAITI, AND 14 ON OTHER CARIBBEAN ISLANDS. THE CONCERN IN NEW YORK IS THAT SANDY WILL MERGE WITH TWO OTHER STORM SYSTEMS, BECOMING A KIND OF SUPER-STORM.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED... PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER. ORGANIZERS ARE LITERALLY SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE DEBATE, WHICH COULD HAVE A TV AUDIENCE OF 60-MILLION. ONLY ABOUT A-THOUSAND PEOPLE WILL BE IN THE "LIVE" AUDIENCE-- MOSTLY DIGNITARIES, AND SOME STUDENTS WHO WILL WIN THEIR TICKETS IN A LOTTERY. WITH SO MUCH DEPENDENT ON THE OUTCOME, THE PRESIDENT IS PLAYING THE UNDERDOG. ROMNEY HAS BEEN PRACTICING WITH OHIO SENATOR ROB PORTMAN STANDING-IN FOR THE PRESIDENT. BARACK OBAMA HAS CHOSEN FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN KERRY TO SPAR WITH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... HE'S BACK IN THE BAY AREA FOR THE SIXTH TIME THIS YEAR. PRESIDENT BARRACK OBAMA TOUCHED DOWN AT SFO THIS AFTERNOON TO A CROWD OF SUPPORTERS INCLUDING A LITTLE BOY WHO GOT AN UNEXPECTED HIGH FIVE. THE PRESIDENT'S IN TOWN TO DRUM UP FINANCIAL SUPPORT AS HE ENTERS THE FINAL STRETCH OF HIS BID FOR RE-ELECTION.. HIS FIRST STOP: A 40-THOUSAND DOLLAR A TICKET ROUNDTABLE AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. SHARON HOFFMAN IS

AMONG 25 PEOPLE WHO ARE PAYING TOP DOLLAR TO SPEND SOME TIME TALKING POLITICS WITH THE PRESIDENT. CAL STATE EAST BAY POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR DAVID BAGGINS SAYS THE PRESIDENT PRETTY MUCH HAS THE DEMOCRATIC LEANING BAY AREA ALREADY IN THE BAG...BUT HE NEEDS THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP WIN OVER THE REST OF THE COUNTRY ESPECIALLY AFTER HIS LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCE IN LAST WEEK'S DEBATE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... IF THERE'S AN OLD ADAGE THAT CHANGE TENDS TO HAPPEN 'INCREMENTALLY'...RESTAURANT OWNER KAM RAVAZI SAYS BOOSTING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN SAN JOSE, WOULD BE A QUICK AND DEADLY *THRUST TO SMALL BUSINESSES. RAVAZI STARTED OUT AS A MINIMUM WAGE EMPLOYEE...AND NOW AS THE OWNER OF 'LOFT BAR AND BISTRO,' HE SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS THE ECONOMY OF RUNNING A BUSINESS. BOOST THE MINIMUM WAGE, AND RAVAZI SAYS JOBS WILL BE LOST, BENEFITS SHAVED, AND COMPANIES DISPLACED. BUT IS THAT TRUE? MATT MAHOOD, PRESIDENT OF THE SILICON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHICH OPPOSES "MEASURE D" SAYS AN INDEPENDENT REPORT THE GROUP JUST COMMISSIONED FORECASTS BETWEEN 600 AND 28-HUNDRED JOBS LOST, IF THE MINIMUM WAGE HIKE PASSES. OKAY, LET'S EXPAND THE SCOPE- IN 2012, EIGHT *STATES INCREASED THEIR MINIMUM WAGE, AND HERE'S HOW THEY'VE FARED SO FAR: ONLY IN COLORADO HAS UNEMPLOYMENT RISEN, BY POINT-4 PERCENT. THE OTHER SEVEN STATES HAVE ALL SEEN FALLING RATES, MOST NOTABLY FLORIDA'S BY 1-POINT-1 PERCENT, AND OHIO AND ARIZONA'S BY POINT-7. REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS TO JOB NUMBERS, DETRACTORS OF MEASURE D POINT OUT THAT CITY HALL WILL HAVE TO CREATE A NEW 'BUREAUCRACY' TO ENFORCE A NEW MINIMUM WAGE....AT A COST TO TAXPAYERS OF SOME 600-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/15/12 REPORTED... WHETHER WATCHING ON U-STREAM OR ON TRADITIONAL BROADCAST T-V... MANY VOTERS WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY, ESPECIALLY THE UNDECIDED VOTERS. LET'S BRING IN NBC BAY AREA POLITICAL ANALYST LARRY GERSTON. LARRY...DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN...DEBATE #1 WASN'T THE PRESIDENT WE KNOW...NOT MUCH ENERGY. WHAT'S HIS PLAN FOR TOMORROW NIGHT? A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THE MODERATOR... CNN'S CANDY CROWLY. SHE SAID TODAY -- SHE WILL ASK FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS -- IF SHE THINKS THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT BEING DIRECTLY ANSWERED. (TOM BROKAW DID THE SAME THE SAME IN THE LAST ELECTION) HOW DOES THIS CHANGE THE DYNAMIC? EARLY VOTING HAS ALREADY STARTED IN MOST STATES. DO THESE DEBATES REALLY HAVE A CHANCE OF TURNING A VOTER OR... IS IT MORE LIKELY THAT THEY REINFORCE PREVIOUSLY HELD BELIEFS... AND ENERGIZE THE VIEWER TO VOTE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED... THERE ARE 20 DAYS TO GO IN THE RUN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. AND TODAY, THE FOCUS IS ON WHICH CANDIDATE HAS THE MOMENTUM HEADED INTO THE FINAL STRETCH. NBC BAY AREA'S POLITICAL ANALYST LARRY GERSTON IS HERE. LARRY... A CNN POLL FOUND THE PRESIDENT WON THE DEBATE OVERALL, BUT LOST ON SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUES LIKE HEALTH CARE AND THE ECONOMY. WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S CHANCES OF STEMMING THE MOMENTUM THAT GOVERNOR ROMNEY WAS BUILDING?

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED... SUPPORTERS OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ARE CELEBRATING TODAY'S RULING BY A NEW YORK FEDERAL APPEALS COURT, WHICH RULED THAT DEFINING MARRIAGE AS **ONLY** BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. TODAY'S RULING FROM THE DIVIDED COURT IS EXPECTED TO FURTHER BOOST THE ODDS THAT THE ISSUE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WILL REACH THE SUPREME COURT SOON. THE RULING WAS TWO JUDGES IN FAVOR, ONE DISSENTED. AGREEING WITH A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT IN BOSTON, THE NEW YORK JUDGES WROTE THAT THE GAY POPULATION HAS QUOTE "SUFFERED A HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATION." THE DISSENTING JUDGE WROTE THAT IF THE COUNTRY IS GOING TO RE-DEFINE MARRIAGE, IT'S UP TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO DO SO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/12 REPORTED... A BLOW TONIGHT FOR SAN JOSE MAYOR CHUCK REED AND THE CITY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN OF INCUMBENT ROSE HERRERA. THE STATE'S FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION RULED THE MAYOR VIOLATED STATE LAW WHEN HIS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE DONATED 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE HERRERA RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THE COMMISSION IS ORDERING THE HERRERA TEAM TO PAY THE MONEY BACK IN FULL. IT SAYS THE MAYOR FACES PENALTIES OF UP TO FIVE-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION. LATE THIS EVENING, THE MAYOR SPOKE WITH US ABOUT THE RULING AND DENIES ANY WRONG DOING. REED IS IN A BITTER BATTLE TO KEEP HIS ALLY HERRERA ON THE COUNCIL. SHE IS OPPOSED BY JIMMY NGUYEN, WHO IS BEING PUSHED BY LABOR UNIONS TO UNSEAT HERRERA. REEDS ATTORNEY PLANS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER ON MONDAY WITH THE COMMISSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/23/12 REPORTED... IN 1996 A SUPERIOR COURT JURY IN SAN JOSE RECOMMENDED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR RICHARD ALLEN DAVIS WHO WAS CONVICTED OF MURDERING 12 YEAR OLD POLLY KLAAS IF PROP 34 IS APPROVED THE SENTENCE FOR DAVIS, AND 725 OTHER DEATH ROW INMATES IN CALIFORNIA WOULD CHANGE TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE. WHICH IS ONE REASON POLLY'S FATHER IS FIGHTING AGAINST IT. TODAY SANTA CLARA COUNTY D.A. JEFF ROSEN ALSO ENCOURAGED VOTERS TO SAY NO TO PROP 34. IF APPROVED, PROP 34 WOULD ESTABLISH THE NEW, "SAFE CALIFORNIA FUND" TO SUPPORT GRANTS TO POLICE AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS AND DA'S OFFICES TO HELP SOLVE MORE MURDER AND RAPE CASES. THAT'S MONEY RETIRED SANTA CLARA COUNTY JUDGE LA DORIS CORDELL SAYS CAN DIRECTLY GO TO KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE. ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE ANALYST, PROP 34 WOULD SAVE THE STATE ABOUT 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN APPELLATE LITIGATION COSTS EACH YEAR. CORDELL SAYS WITH ONLY 13 DEATH ROW INMATES EXECUTED SINCE 1978 SHE SAYS PROP 34 WILL ALLOW VOTERS TO GET MORE BENEFIT FROM THEIR TAX DOLLARS. STILL THIS TEAM OF D.A'S AND CRIME VICTIMS SAY EVEN IF IT ISN'T A PERFECT SYSTEM THE DEATH PENALTY SHOULD STILL REMAIN AN OPTION IN CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/25/12 REPORTED... DECISION 2012...AND IT'S NOT JUST THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. GOVERNOR BROWN IS IN THE BAY AREA TODAY DRUMMING UP SUPPORT FOR HIS PROP 30. PROP 30 WOULD RAISE THE SALES TAX, AND INCOME TAXES FOR THE STATE'S HIGHEST EARNERS. THAT MONEY GENERATED WOULD USED FOR SCHOOLS. BUT TWO NEW POLLS OUT TODAY SHOW THAT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PROP 30 IS NOW BELOW 50- PERCENT. HERE'S NBC BAY AREA'S BOB REDELL WITH THE GOVERNOR

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/26/12 REPORTED... THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES ARE ALREADY BEING AFFECTED BY THE SUPER-STORM BARRELING TOWARDS THE EAST COAST. EARLY VOTING COULD ALSO BE DISRUPTED BY THIS WEATHER. BUT TODAY-- MITT ROMNEY TOOK A BREAK FROM HIS OHIO MARATHON AND WENT TO IOWA, WHERE HE PROMISED A CROWD OF SUPPORTERS THAT A ROMNEY ADMINISTRATION, WILL REACH ACROSS THE POLITICAL AISLE TO GET THINGS DONE IN WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT OBAMA IS BACK IN WASHINGTON TONIGHT, AFTER WRAPPING UP A 48-HOUR, EIGHT-STATE CAMPAIGN BLITZ. HE'S RESTING A HOARSE VOICE.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/5/12 REPORTED... TONIGHT- MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE EAST BAY'S FIRST HUMAN DEATH FROM RABIES IN 20-YEARS. THE INVESTIGATION INVOLVED INTERVIEWING DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN NINE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. HEALTH OFFICIALS TODAY OUTLINED HOW THE 34-YEAR OLD "CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR" TRAVELED BETWEEN THE U-S, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND EUROPE. HE WAS BIT BY A *MEXICAN FREE-TAILED BAT* IN MARCH, ON A VISIT HOME TO SOUTHERN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. THE BAT WAS FLOPPING ON THE GROUND, AND WHEN A FRIEND PUT IT IN A BAG, THE VICTIM

REACHED IN AND WAS BIT. ONCE INFECTED, HE THEORETICALLY COULD HAVE PASSED RABIES ON TO ANOTHER HUMAN. OUTSIDE THE U-S, A TOTAL OF 23 PEOPLE ELECTED TO GET TREATMENT FOR RABIES, JUST IN CASE. A TOTAL OF 59-PEOPLE WERE INTERVIEWED AFTER COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE MAN, WHO HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. HE TRAVELED TO NINE-FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND DIED IN JULY IN A SWISS HOSPITAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... WILL YOU THINK TWICE? SODA COMPANIES ARE ROLLING OUT NEW VENDING MACHINES THAT WILL PUT CALORIE COUNTS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU. COKE, PEPSI, AND DR. PEPPER WILL NOW POST CALORIE INFORMATION ON THE BUTTONS YOU PRESS WHEN YOU MAKE THE SODA SELECTION. THE MACHINES WILL ALSO CARRY LOW-CALORIE AND ZERO CALORIE DRINKS. THE NEW MACHINES WILL LAUNCH FIRST IN SAN ANTONIO AND CHICAGO NEXT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/8/12 REPORTED... HERE'S THE REPORT. OH MY GOODNESS. WE DELIVERED THE NEWS THAT MANY RESIDENTS LIVING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD LONG SUSPECTED. CALIFORNIA'S CANCER REGISTRY FOUND A HIGHER THAN EXPECTED NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE WITH NON-HODGKIN LYMPHOMA DURING THE YEARS 1996 TO 2005. THE CANCER REGISTRY COUNTED THE CASES OF CANCERS AMONG PEOPLE LIVING IN THREE DIFFERENT US CENSUS BLOCKS SURROUNDING WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE -EW OR MIDDLEFIELD-ELLIS-WHISMAN SUPERFUND SITE, THEN COMPARED THOSE CANCER RATES TO SIMILAR POPULATIONS IN OTHER AREAS. THE SUPERFUND SITE DATES BACK TO 1988 WHEN THE EPA DISCOVERED TONS OF A TOXIC CLEANING SOLVENT CALLED TCE--OR TRICHLOROETHYLENE-- THAT HAD LEAKED OR BEEN DUMPED INTO THE GROUND BY BOTH BY THE MILITARY AND THE THEN YOUNG SEMI CONDUCTOR INDUSTRY LOCATED RIGHT OUTSIDE THE GATES OF MOFFETT FIELD. KURT SNIPES IS CALIFORNIA'S CHIEF OF CANCER SURVEILLANCE AND RESEARCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/9/12 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS...FOR THE FIRST TIME, H-I-V TESTS CAN BE BOUGHT AT A DRUG STORE AND USED IN THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME, WITH RESULTS IN JUST 30 MINUTES. THE ORAL SWAB TEST WILL HELP THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THEY'RE H-I-V POSITIVE. IT LOOKS FOR H-I-V ANTIBODIES IN THE BODY, AND NOT THE VIRUS ITSELF. IT WILL ALSO GIVE THOSE WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO GO TO THE DOCTOR A WAY TO CHECK THEIR H-I-V STATUS AT HOME. THE TEST COSTS ABOUT 40- DOLLARS, AND SOME SAY IT'S TOO MUCH FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. THIS IS THE SAME SCREENING TOOL USED IN DOCTORS' OFFICES FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/9/12 REPORTED... A DIET THAT INCLUDES TOMATOES OR TOMATO BASED PRODUCTS, COULD HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF A STROKE. RESEARCHERS IN FINLAND CREDIT THE ANTI-OXIDANT LYCOPENE, WHICH IS FOUND IN TOMATOES, FOR THE PROTECTIVE EFFECT. THEIR STUDY FOUND MEN WHO HAD THE MOST LYCOPENE [[LY-KUH-PEEN]] IN THEIR BLOOD WERE 55-PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO HAVE A STROKE THAN THOSE WHO HAD THE LEAST. THE RESULTS WERE EVEN STRONGER FOR STROKES CAUSED BY BLOOD CLOTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/10/12 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS...STROKE VICTIMS ARE BECOMING MORE COMMON IN YOUNGER ADULTS. RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE LOOKED AT FIRST-TIME STROKE VICTIMS OVER SEVERAL DECADES. SINCE 1993, THE AVERAGE AGE OF A FIRST STROKE FELL FROM 71- TO 69. THE PERCENTAGE OF STROKE PATIENTS UNDER AGE 55- ALSO GREW, FROM ABOUT 13-PERCENT IN 1993 TO 19-PERCENT IN 2005. IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER IMPROVED DIAGNOSIS OR CHRONIC DISEASES LIKE 'TYPE II DIABETES' OR OBESITY ARE DRIVING DOWN THE STROKE AGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/12/12 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS PEOPLE WHO BUY SUPPLEMENTS AND VITAMINS TO PROTECT AGAINST COLON CANCER... SHOULD JUST SAVE THEIR MONEY. A NEW STUDY FOLLOWED 14-HUNDRED WOMEN WHO TOOK DAILY DOSES OF FOLIC ACID AND VITAMINS B-6 AND B-12 TO SEE IF THEY DEVELOPED COLON POLYPS. WHEN ALL WERE GIVEN COLONOSCOPIES, IT TURNED OUT 24-PERCENT OF THE WOMEN TAKING THE VITAMINS DEVELOPED POLYPS AND THAT 24-PERCENT OF THE WOMEN TAKING PLACEBO PILLS DEVELOPED POLYPS. COLON POLYPS CAN DEVELOP INTO CANCER IF NOT REMOVED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/15/12 REPORTED... CHRISTIN QUARRY IS GETTING A CHECK UP. BUT THIS TIME INSTEAD OF HER DENTIST POKING HER TEETH WITH THIS, DR. PARAG KACHALIA IS USING NEW SPECTRA TECHNOLOGY...IT WORKS MUCH LIKE DOPPLER RADAR, TO DELIVER IMAGES OF BACTERIA BUILDING UP IN HER MOUTH. UNLIKE X-RAYS, THERE'S NO RADIATION THAT'S BEING USED ON AN IMAGE LIKE THIS. DR. KACHALIA USES A SPECIAL CAMERA TO SEND OUT A WAVELENGTH THAT DETECTS THE BACTERIA. BLuish PURPLE MEANS LOTS OF BACTERIA PRESENT...WHICH PUTS CHRISTIN AT RISK OF GETTING A CAVITY. MARIANNE FAVRO... THE BEAUTY OF THIS TECHNOLOGY IS THAT IT GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO PREVENT A CAVITY BY USING PREVENTATIVE TECHNIQUES LIKE USING A FLUORIDE REGIMEN OR CHANGING THE WAY YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH AND THAT MEANS PATIENTS GET TO AVOID FILLINGS. I DON'T ENJOY A FILLING, I DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO DOES AND IF YOU CAN PREVENT IT THEN THAT CAN SAVE MONEY TIME AND PAIN. RED ON A TOOTH MEANS BACTERIA IS STARTING TO PENETRATE THROUGH THE TOOTH ENAMEL.. BUT KNOWING THAT EARLY HELPS PATIENTS. IF A FILLING NEEDS TO OCCUR THEN ONLY A SMALL FILLING NEEDS TO BE PLACED. DR. KACHALIA SAYS THESE PICTURES ARE ALSO A GREAT TOOL TO MOTIVATE PATIENTS TO IMPROVE HOW THEY CARE FOR THEIR TEETH, BECAUSE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE CLEARLY IF THEIR NEW HABITS HELPED THEM BUST BACTERIA IN THEIR MOUTH. IN SAN RAMON MF NBC BAY AREA NEWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/15/12 REPORTED... THERE'S NEW INFORMATION ABOUT A CONTROVERSIAL VACCINE GIVEN TO YOUNG GIRLS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE H-P-V VACCINE. THEY FOUND - GIRLS WHO GOT THE SHOT,- WERE *NO* MORE LIKELY THAN OTHER GIRLS TO GET PREGNANT, GET OTHER S.T.D'S, OR ASK A DOCTOR FOR BIRTH CONTROL. RESEARCHERS AT KAISER PERMANENTE LOOKED AT 14-HUNDRED GIRLS. H.P.V. IS THE MAIN CAUSE OF CERVICAL CANCER, AND GENITAL WARTS. THE VACCINE IS RECOMMENDED FOR GIRLS, AND BOYS, AS YOUNG AS 11.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS... A DAILY DOSE OF VITAMINS MAY LOWER YOUR CANCER RISK. THAT'S WHAT RESEARCHERS CONCLUDED... AFTER A STUDY OF HEALTHY MALE DOCTORS WHO EITHER GOT A STANDARD MULTI-VITAMIN OR A PLACEBO EVERY DAY FOR ELEVEN YEARS. THE ONES WHO GOT THE VITAMIN HAD AN EIGHT-PERCENT LOWER INCIDENCE OF CANCER. THE FORMER HEAD OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE SAYS IT'S A PROMISING FIND, THOUGH NOT ENOUGH TO ADVOCATE TAKE A MULTI-VITAMIN. OTHER EXPERTS SAY YOU COULD LOWER YOUR RISK MORE IF YOU EAT RIGHT, EXERCISE AND DON'T SMOKE.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED... IN EASTERN AFGHANISTAN, THE TALIBAN LAUNCHED A DEADLY ATTACK ON U-S FORCES. A SUICIDE BOMBER RAMMED A MOTORCYCLE, PACKED WITH EXPLOSIVES, INTO A JOINT "U-S AFGHAN" PATROL IN KHOST PROVINCE ... KILLING 14 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 3 AMERICANS. TODAY'S ATTACK COMES AFTER A DEADLY WEEKEND ON AMERICAN FORCES, PUSHING THE US MILITARY DEATH TOLL TO OVER 2-THOUSAND SINCE THE START OF THE 11 YEAR WAR. AND IN RECENT MONTHS,

MANY OF THE KILLINGS HAVE BEEN INSIDER ATTACKS. THAT PROMPTED THE U-S MILITARY TO SUSPEND JOINT OPERATIONS BETWEEN U-S AND AFGHAN FORCES, BUT TODAY, MOST OF THOSE OPERATIONS RESUMED. 31 AMERICANS HAVE DIED THIS YEAR FROM AFGHAN FORCES KILLING U-S FORCES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/1/12 REPORTED...IN PAKISTAN TODAY-- AN OUTPOURING OF PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR A 14-YEAR OLD SCHOOLGIRL, SHOT BY THE TALIBAN AS SHE WALKED HOME FROM SCHOOL. SHE WAS SINGLED-OUT BECAUSE OF HER OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION TO THE MILITANT GROUP AND HER ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF OTHER GIRLS WHO WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL. SURGEONS TODAY SAY THEY WERE ABLE TO REMOVE A BULLET LODGED AT THE BASE OF HER NECK, BUT THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL BE CRITICAL FOR HER RECOVERY. THE CASE IS GETTING WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION. THE INJURED GIRL HAS BEEN BLOGGING ABOUT LIFE UNDER THE TALIBAN SINCE SHE WAS 11 YEARS OLD. THE TERROR GROUP HAS NOT ONLY ADMITTED TO SHOOTING HER, IT SAYS IT WILL TRY AGAIN TO KILL HER IF SHE SURVIVES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED...THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE ENVOY IS CALLING ON SYRIA'S PRESIDENT TO IMPLEMENT A CEASE- FIRE ON OCTOBER 26TH, THE START OF A 4-DAY RELIGIOUS FEAST. LAKHDAR BRAHIMI, WHO TOOK OVER FOR KOFI ANNAN, SAYS IT'S NOT A SOLUTION, BUT A "MICROSCOPIC" STEP TOWARD PEACE. SYRIA'S BIGGEST ALLY IN THE REGION, IRAN, EVEN SUPPORTS THE IDEA. UP UNTIL NOW, BOTH SIDES HAVE BLATANTLY DISREGARDED ANY VERBAL AGREEMENTS TO A CEASE FIRE. HEAVY FIGHTING AGAIN TODAY IN ALEPPO AND HOMS, WHERE THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO LAUNCH AIRSTRIKES. AMATEUR VIDEO ALSO SURFACED TODAY, SHOWING A SYRIAN MILITARY CHOPPER BEING SHOT DOWN. MEANTIME, THE VATICAN ANNOUNCED ... IT'S SENDING A DELEGATION TO SYRIA, AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. MORE THAN 30-THOUSAND SYRIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE THE UPRISING BEGAN 19 MONTHS AGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/17/12 REPORTED...IN AFGHANISTAN, THE U-S CONFIRMS A C-I-A OFFICER AND AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WERE AMONG THOSE KILLED IN A SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK IN THE KANDAHAR PROVINCE, THIS PAST WEEKEND. THE ARMY SPECIALIST IS 24 YEAR OLD BRITTANY GORDON FROM FLORIDA. THE NAME OF THE C-I-A OFFICER HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED YET. MEANTIME, ANOTHER SUICIDE BOMBING TODAY AT A U-S AFGHAN POST IN EASTERN AFGHANISTAN. THE CAR BOMBER DETONATED THE EXPLOSIVES AT THE GATE OF THE BASE, WOUNDING 45. THE TALIBAN IS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED...POLICE SPENT MORE THAN THREE HOURS SEARCHING ALL TWENTY CAMPUS BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUS OF HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY, A PRIVATE, CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN THE OAKLAND HILLS. ONE STUDENT SNAPPED THIS PHOTO WITH A CELL PHONE SHOWING OFFICERS SEARCHING ONE OF THOSE BUILDINGS WITH THEIR GUNS DRAWN. TONIGHT, THE CAMPUS HAS REOPENED BUT STUDENTS ARE STILL FEARFUL THAT THE ARMED MAN WHO WAS WANDERING CAMPUS EARLIER TODAY COULD RETURN. SHORTLY BEFORE 11 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING A WITNESS REPORTED SEEING A MAN WITH A GUN TUCKED IN HIS WAISTBAND. HE WAS IN HIS TWENTIES, OVERWEIGHT, DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A STUDENT, AND WAS WEARING A BLUE BLAZER AND GLASSES. OTHER PEOPLE ON CAMPUS HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MAN, AND SAID HE SEEMED DISORIENTED AND THAT SOMETHING JUST DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT. ANYONE WHO DRIVES ONTO THE HOLY NAMES CAMPUS HAS TO GO THROUGH A GATE, AND BY A SECURITY GUARD. POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE MAN GOT ONTO CAMPUS. AND GIVEN WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER THIS YEAR AT OAKLAND'S OIKOS UNIVERSITY... WHEN SEVEN PEOPLE WERE GUNNED DOWN AND KILLED... STUDENTS SAY THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/18/12 REPORTED... VIOLENT CLASHES IN THE STREETS OF ATHENS. WORKERS UPSET WITH THE NEW AUSTERITY CUTS BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WALKED-OFF THE JOB TODAY TO STAGE A 24-HOUR STRIKE. SOME OF THEM THREW ROCKS AND BOTTLES AT POLICE. GREECE SAYS MASSIVE CUTS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL BAILOUT. BUT SPECULATION CONTINUES THAT GREECE WILL GO BANKRUPT, POSSIBLY FORCING THE COUNTRY TO LEAVE THE EUROPEAN UNION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/19/12 REPORTED... DEADLY BOMBS IN BEIRUT ARE BLAMED ON THE SPILL-OVER OF VIOLENCE FROM NEIGHBORING SYRIA. A TOP LEBANESE SECURITY OFFICIAL WAS APPARENTLY THE TARGET, BUT SEVEN OTHERS WERE ALSO KILLED AND DOZENS WOUNDED. THAT OFFICIAL RECENTLY LED AN INVESTIGATION, WHICH LED TO THE ARREST OF A FORMER GOVERNMENT MINISTER CONSIDERED A SYRIAN ALLY. TODAY'S VIOLENCE IS BELIEVED TO BE THE WORST IN THE LEBANESE CAPITAL IN MORE THAN FOUR-YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 10/24/12 REPORTED... THE E-MAILS REVEAL THAT TWO HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK IN BENGHAZI, WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS WERE NOTIFIED THAT A KNOWN TERROR GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY ON THEIR TWITTER AND FACEBOOK PAGES. CRITICS SAY THIS JUST SHOWS THE WHITE HOUSE WAS NOT FORTHCOMING ABOUT THE ATTACK ON SEPTEMBER 11TH THAT KILLED BAY AREA NATIVE AND U-S AMBASSADOR CHRIS STEVENS, AND 3 OTHER AMERICANS. IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE KILLINGS, WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THE ATTACK WAS FUELED BY A SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATION OVER AN ANTI-MUSLIM VIDEO. IT WASN'T UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK LATER, DID THEY SAY IT WAS A PLANNED TERRORIST ATTACK. SECRETARY OF STATE "HILLARY CLINTON" FIRED-BACK OVER TODAY'S ACCUSATIONS AND SAID THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON CATCHING THOSE RESPONSIBLE. TO CAUSE EVEN MORE CONFUSION, THE TERROR GROUP WHICH CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EMBASSY ATTACK, DENIED IT THE NEXT DAY MEANTIME, OUR SOURCES CONFIRM A TUNISIAN MAN, WITH TIES TO EXTREMIST GROUPS, HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND IS BEING QUESTIONED.

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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report Fourth Quarter November 2012

KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/5/12 REPORTED... KAISER PERMANENTE WILL SOON HAVE A NEW CEO. THE NONPROFIT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT BERNARD TYSON, THE CURRENT PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, WILL TAKE OVER THE REINS IN SIX MONTHS, WHEN CURRENT CEO GEORGE HALVORSON WILL RETIRE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... WE'RE GONNA START WITH LOSSES, AND THEY'RE PILING UP FOR APPLE. THE CUPERTINO COMPANY SAW ITS STOCK PRICE FALL ANOTHER TWENTY DOLLARS A SHARE TODAY, TWENTY-TWO PERCENT BELOW THE HIGH SET BACK IN SEPTEMBER. ADDING INSULT TO THE SITUATION, A RESEARCH FIRM TODAY SAYS THE SAMSUNG GALAXY S-3 OVERTOOK APPLE'S IPHONE AS THE BEST-SELLING SMARTPHONE IN THE WORLD. CHECKING MORE OF YOUR MONEY, MORE FEARS ABOUT EUROPE AND OUR OWN COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL FUTURE CONTINUE TO WEIGH ON WALL STREET ANOTHER TRIPLE-DIGIT LOSS FOR THE DOW. APPLE AND OTHER TECH COMPANIES ARE DRAGGING THE NASDAQ DOWN BY 1 1/2 PERCENT. SOME GOOD NEWS NOW: YOUR SMARTPHONE, WHATEVER IT IS, JUST GOT CAFFEINATED. STARBUCKS PARTNERING WITH SAN FRANCISCO-BASED SQUARE TO LET YOU BUY YOUR COFFEE WITH THE SQUARE APP, THE WHOLE TRANSACTION, DONE ON YOUR PHONE. AN INVESTMENT IN SQUARE, A GOOD IDEA, BUT WHAT COMPANIES WILL BE THE NEXT BIG THINGS? GOOGLE, ONCE A STARTUP ITSELF, IS BETTING BIG THAT "IT" WILL HELP FUND THE FUTURE. HERE'S HOW: GOOGLE HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF THE TECH WORLD'S BEST INVESTMENTS. NOW, THE COMPANY FAMOUS FOR ITS SEARCH, AND ITS STOCK, IS RAMPING UP ITS OWN SEARCH FOR THE NEXT GREAT INVESTMENTS. BILL MARIS IS THE MANAGING PARTNER OF GOOGLE VENTURES, THE INVESTMENT ARM OF THE TECH GIANT. HE'S RUNNING THE FUND, WHICH NOW TOTALS 300 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. WE FOUND HIM AT THE ANNUAL FOUNDERS AND CEO EVENT, WHERE PEOPLE MEET, AND SHARE IDEAS. BECAUSE, HE SAYS, GOOD INVESTMENTS ARE ALL ABOUT PEOPLE. GOOGLE VENTURES HAS ALREADY SCORED A COUPLE OF HITS, NAMELY NEST LABS, WHICH MAKES THIS ULTA-HIP, STRONG SELLING THERMOSTAT AND RIDE-SHARING COMPANY "RELAY RIDES," WHICH LETS YOU SAVE MONEY, AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT, BY SHARING YOUR CAR WITH OTHERS. BUT GOOGLE VENTURES HAS BIGGER PLANS... FIND MORE GOOD PEOPLE, WITH MORE GOOD COMPANIES, AND, YES, WITH EVEN MORE MONEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... IF YOU'RE A DUNGENESS CRAB LOVER, THEN THIS IS EXACTLY THE SCENE YOU WANT TO SEE... TWO DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE COMMERCIAL SEASON. WINCHES LOADING BOATS WITH CRAB POTS, FORK LIFTS RACING ABOUT, AND YESTERDAY'S FISH, BECOMING TOMORROW'S BAIT. THINGS AROUND FISHERMAN'S WHARF DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THIS LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME. A PRICE DISPUTE BETWEEN FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS KEPT THE BOATS AT THE DOCKS AND A THANKSGIVING WITHOUT LOCAL CRAB. SO THERE WAS A SIGH OF RELIEF YESTERDAY WHEN FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS AGREED ON A PRICE THAT WILL SEND CRABBERS TO WORK IN TIME FOR THURSDAY'S SEASON OPENER. THERE IS ONE DETAIL THAT MAY LEAVE CONSUMERS FEELING A LITTLE CRABBY. THE TWO SIDES AGREED ON A WHOLESALE PRICE OF THREE

DOLLARS A POUND, THAT'S SEVENTY FIVE CENTS HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR. BUT FISHERMEN SAY EARLY INDICATIONS SHOW THERE MAY BE FEWER CRABS TO CATCH THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. REGARDLESS, ON WEDNESDAY THEY'LL SET THEIR TRAPS WITH THE FIRST CRAB EXPECTED TO HIT THE DOCKS ON THURSDAY. SETTING ANOTHER SCENE EVERY DUNGENESS CRAB LOVER... WILL WANT TO SEE, JOE ROSATO JR... NBC BAY AREA NEWS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... A RETIRED MARINE CORPS MAJOR IS NOW IN CHARGE OF CALIFORNIA'S STATE PARKS. GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN ANNOUNCED THAT DECISION TODAY. MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY JACKSON SERVED 36-YEARS IN THE MARINES. HE HAS WORKED WITH STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY, STATE PARKS AND FIRE SUPPRESSION. HE TAKES OVER FOR RUTH COLEMAN WHO RESIGNED IN JULY AFTER STATE INVESTIGATORS FOUND THAT PARKS ADMINISTATORS HAD HIDDEN MORE THAN 50- MILLION DOLLARS. JACKSON WILL EARN JUST MORE THAN 150- THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY AS PARKS DIRECTOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... BACK TO BAGGING. WORKERS AT RALEYS AND NOB HILL GROCERY STORES REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH MANAGEMENT TODAY, ENDING THEIR 9 DAY LONG STRIKE. DETAILS OF THE DEAL WON'T BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL IT IS VOTED ON BY THE WHOLE UNION, WHICH SHOULD HAPPEN SOON. HEALTH CARE BENEFITS WERE AT THE CENTER OF THE FIGHT. THERE WERE ABOUT 40 STORES IN THE BAY AREA AFFECTED BY THE STRIKE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED... IS THAT NEW SAN FRANCISCO ARENA FOR THE WARRIORS REALLY GOING HAPPEN? THEY'RE MAKING BIG STRIDES. TODAY, THE SAN FRANCISCO'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GAVE ITS INITIAL THUMBS UP. THE BOARD SAYS THE BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT SEEMS FINACIALLY FEASABLE. ALSO, TODAY MAYOR LEE ANNOUNCED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARRIORS, LOCAL UNIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS *F THAT ARENA US BUILT. THE AGREEMENT WOULD MEAN THE PRIVATE CONTRACOR WILL HIRE 25 PERCENT OF ITS WORKFORCE FROM THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. IF THE STADIUM GETS THE GREEN LIGHT, THE THREE YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WOLD CREATE MORE THAN 4-THOUSAND JOBS, ABOUT HALF OF THEM PERMANENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/12 REPORTED... TO MY LEFT, IS EBAY, THEIR OFFICES FULL OF WORKERS MAKING A HEALTHY SALARY. TO MY RIGHT, ARE UNEMPLOYMENT CENTERS, WHOSE OFFICES ARE EQUALLY FULL OF PEOPLE JUST LOOKING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. PRELIMINARILY, THE WORK-TWO-FUTURE PROGRAM FOUND UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPOYMENT CAN BE AS HIGH AS THREE TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/21/12 REPORTED... OFF THE STREET; LONGTIME ELMO PUPPETEER "KEVIN CLASH" HAS RESIGNED FROM SESAME STREET AFTER A SECOND ALLEGATION THAT HE SEXUALLY ABUSED AN UNDERAGED BOY. THE SECOND ACCUSER CAME FORWARD TODAY, AFTER FILING A LAWSUIT FOR MORE THAN FIVE-MILLION DOLLARS. 24-YEAR OLD COLLEGE STUDENT, *CECIL SINGLETON* CLAIMS HE AND CLASH ENGAGED IN A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WHEN HE WAS 15-YEARS OLD, AFTER MEETING ON A GAY CHAT LINE. SINGLETON'S ATTORNEY SAYS HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY TWO OTHER POTENTIAL VICTIMS. CLASH WAS WITH ``SESAME STREET" FOR 28 YEARS, MAKING ELMO ONE OF THE SHOW'S MOST POPULAR CHARACTERS.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/12 REPORTED... NO MORE BUCKY-BALLS. THE POPULAR MAGNETIC DESK TOYS ARE BEING DISCONTINUED, BUT THE COMPANY ISN'T BEING QUIET ABOUT IT. IN JULY, THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SUED THE MAKERS, CLAIMING THE MAGNETS WERE HAZARDOUS TO CHILDREN WHEN SWALLOWED. THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST A DOZEN CASES ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION ALSO, TEENAGERS WERE SWALLOWING THEM ACCIDENTALLY, BY USING THEM TO MIMIC TONGUE AND CHEEK PIERCINGS. THE COMPANY CALLS THE CLAIMS QUOTE-- BASELESS AND RELENTLESS LEGAL BADGERING", AND SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER MANUFACTURE BUCKY-BALLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/5/12 REPORTED... WE HAVE THE LATEST NUMBERS IN FROM THE LATEST APPLE RELEASE. THE CUPERTINO COMPANY SAYS IT SOLD THREE MILLION IPADS OVER THE WEEKEND. IT DID NOT SAY HOW MANY OF THOSE WERE IPAD "MINIS..." BUT THE GUESS IS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE SALES CAME FROM THE 7.9 INCH VERSION. HERE IN THE BAY AREA, SEVERAL APPLE STORES TOLD US AT LEAST CERTAIN VARIATIONS OF THE MINIS WERE SOLD OUT BY SATURDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... NESTLE IS RECALLING SOME OF ITS "NESQUIK" CHOCOLATE POWDER MX BECAUSE OF A POSSIBLE SALMONELLA RISK. THE "NESQUIK CHOCOLATE POWDER" WAS PRODUCED IN EARLY OCTOBER AND SOLD ACROSS THE COUNTRY. NESTLE SAYS IT MADE THE MOVE AFTER ONE OF ITS INGREDIENT SUPPLIERS ISSUED THEIR OWN RECALL OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. THE RECALLED CANISTER SIZES INCLUDE THE 10 OUNCE, TWENTY -ONE OUNCE AND THE 40.OUNCE CANS. THEY HAVE A "BEST IF SOLD BY" DATE OF OCTOBER 2014. NO OTHER VARIETIES OF NESQUIK POWDER ARE RECALLED. NESTLE SAYS THERE ARE NO REPORTED ILLNESSES SO FAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED... THE PARAGON OUTLETS IN LIVERMORE ARE A LONG TIME COMING. PLANS STARTED ALMOST A DECADE AGO... AND NOW IT'S FINALLY HERE. THE 543 THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT CENTER RIGHT OFF 580 HAS 130 STORES AND IS PACKED WITH HIGH END RETAILERS SEVEN OF MANKIND JEANS, BLOOMINGDALES, MICHAEL STARS AND JUICY COUTURE TO NAME A FEW. AS WORKERS DEAL WITH LAST MINUTE LANDSCAPING AND DESIGN, BUSINESSES ARE STOCKING SHELVES... DRESSING MANEQUINS AND PERFECTING DISPLAYS, HAPPY TO BE OPENING JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. PARAGON OUTLETS SAYS THIS IS THE FIRST OUTLET CENTER TO OPEN IN THE STATE SINCE 2001 AND IT'S EXPECTED TO GENERATE 2 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR LIVERMORE. THE OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING IS TOMORROW AT 10 AM. TODAY THE MAJOR FLAGSHIP STORES INCLUDING BLOOMINGDALES AND LAST CALL NEIMAN MARCUS OPENED EARLY BUT SOME SHOPPERS SAY THE WAIT IN LINE WAS AS LONG AS TWO HOURS. IN LIVERMORE, KIMBERLY TERE, NBC BAY AREA NEWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/12 REPORTED... HOW DID WE ALL SURVIVE? TWITTER WENT DOWN TODAY! THE SAN FRANCISCO 140 CHARACTERS OR LESS COMPANY SAYS IT SUFFERED A GLITCH TODAY, WITH MANY USERS UNABLE TO POST THEIR TWEETS. THE COMPANY GOT BACK IN THE GROOVE SHORTLY, THOUGH, AND THE TWEETS HAVE FLOWED SMOOTHLY SINCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... IF YOU'RE ON THE MOVE FOR THANKSGIVING NEXT WEEK, YOU'RE NOT ALONE. MORE PEOPLE WILL BE TRAVELING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. NEW NUMBERS FROM TRIPLE A SHOW NEARLY 44- MILLION PEOPLE PLAN ON TRAVELING FOR THANKSGIVING WITH 90- PERCENT HITTING THE ROADS. IT'S UP JUST ABOUT 1- PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR, BUT IT'S THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF INCREASE. ONE REASON IS GAS PRICES HAVE BEEN DECLINING SINCE SEPTEMBER. AND FOR

THOSE FLYING, TICKET PRICES ARE ALSO DOWN, BUT SO ARE THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS. STILL, MORE THAN 3- MILLION ARE EXPECTED TO FLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED... MANY OF US HAVE GOTTEN RID OF OUR BLACKBERRYS, BUT THE CANADIAN COMPANY IS STILL FIGHTING TO STAY ALIVE. THE NEW FEATURE WILL ALLOW BLACKBERRY USERS TO MAKE FREE VOICE CALLS OVER A WI-FI NETWORK. A SPLIT SCREEN OPTION WILL LET THEM TALK AND TEXT AT THE SAME TIME. THE NEW FEATURE WILL BE FREE FOR EXISTING CUSTOMERS. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF BLACKBERRY SUBSCRIBERS GREW IN OVERSEAS MARKETS, IT'S STRUGGLING IN THE US WHERE CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN MIGRATING TO I-PHONES AND ANDROID PHONES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED... TOYOTA IS RECALLING NEARLY TWO-POINT-EIGHT MILLION CARS WORLD-WIDE DUE TO PROBLEMS WITH THE STEERING MECHANISM. IN ADDITION, TOYOTA IS ALSO RECALLING SEVERAL PRIUS MODELS DUE TO A PROBLEM WITH THE CAR'S HYBRID WATER PUMP SYSTEM. 670- THOUSAND PRIUS' ARE BEING RECALLED IN THE U-S, THE REST ARE IN JAPAN AND EUROPE. A SPOKESMAN SAID THE RECALLED PRIUS CARS ARE SECOND GENERATION MODELS. CERTAIN COROLLA MODELS ARE ALSO AFFECTED. ALL OF THE CARS WERE MADE BETWEEN 2000 AND 2011. THIS IS TOYOTA'S SECOND MULTI-MILLION CAR RECALL IN THE PAST MONTHS.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/5/12 REPORTED... FOLLOWING UP ON A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU YESTERDAY. PITCH DARK AND STUCK IN FRIGID WATERS FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF. THIS WAS WHAT TWO YOUNG KIDS, JUST FIVE AND SEVEN, DEALT WITH AFTER THEIR FAMILY'S MOTORBOAT CAPSIZED IN TOMALES BAY SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THIS IS VIDEO FROM THE SONOMA SHERIFFS HELICOPTER SHOWS HOW THE 25-FOOTER WAS SWALLOWED BY THE SWELL, KICKED UP BY A NOTORIOUS SAND BAR IN THE BAY. THE ELK GROVE FAMILY OF SEVEN HAD BEEN OUT CRABBING WHEN ITS BOAT CAPSIZED, TRAPPING THE TWO YOUNG KIDS AND SENDING THREE ADULTS AND TWO OTHER CHILDREN INTO THE WATER. THE WATER TEMPERATURE IS ABOUT 50 DEGREES. EVENTUALLY RESCUE CREWS TOWED THE BOAT CLOSER TO SHORE BEFORE CUTTING A HOLE IN THE HULL TO RESCUE THE KIDS. ROBERTS ADDS FOUR-TO-FIVE BOATS CAPSIZE LIKE THIS PER YEAR. INCIDENTS A YEAR. THIS FAMILY -- WAS NOT WEARING LIFE JACKETS -- WHICH WAS AGAINST THE LAW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... AFTER SIX YEARS OF DRIVING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN IN THE EAST BAY, DURHAM BUS SERVICES FIRED LORRAINE RAMIREZ. BACK IN MAY, RAMIREZ TOLD THE NBC INVESTIGATIVE UNIT HER EMPLOYER WAS NOT FIXING PROBLEMS WITH HER BUS. HERE'S THE WORK ORDER CONFIRMING HER CONCERNS. AND IT SHOWS MECHANICS NOT ONLY FIXED THE BRAKES BUT IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING OUR INVESTIGATION THEY SPENT MORE THAN 18 MECHANIC HOURS FIXING PROBLEMS WITH RAMIREZ'S SCHOOL BUS. SHE WAS NOT THE ONLY DURHAM BUS DRIVER- CRITICIZING DURHAM'S SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. AND HER FRUSTRATION AMPLIFIED AFTER LEARNING THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CONDUCTED NO INVESTIGATION AFTER THE BUS DRIVERS EXPOSED CRITICAL PROBLEMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... THERE WERE A NUMBER OF WORLD SERIES CELEBRATIONS THAT SPILLED OUT INTO THE STREETS AND GOT OUT OF HAND. THAT NIGHT, ON THE 15-HUNDRED BLOCK OF HAIGHT, POLICE OFFICERS FOUND 37 YEAR OLD SEAN MOFFITT HURT AND LYING ON THE GROUND. BUT MOFFITT REFUSED ANY HELP AND WENT HOME. THE NEXT DAY HIS ROOMMATE SENT HIM TO THE HOSPITAL. UNABLE TO VERIFY IT BUT STILL POLICE BEGAN LOOKING FOR FIVE SUSPECTS. AND THEN ON OCTOBER 30TH SEAN MOFFITT DIED FROM HEAD TRAUMA. THE INVESTIGATION MOVED FORWARD AND

THERE IS NOW INFORMATION THAT MOFFITT MAY HAVE FALLEN WHILE CELEBRATING AND THAT'S WHEN HE MAY HAVE SUSTAINED THE INJURIES TO HIS HEAD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/12 REPORTED... A BOMBSHELL TODAY BY ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON C-I-A DIRECTOR "DAVID PETRAEUS" RESIGNED TODAY, CITING INFIDELITY. THE WOMAN HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED, BUT NBC HAS CONFIRMED THE FBI IS LOOKING AT E-MAILS EXCHANGED BETWEEN PETRAEUS AND HIS BIOGRAPHER, TO SEE IF NATIONAL SECURITY WAS PUT AT RISK. PRESIDENT OBAMA ACCEPTED PETRAEUS' RESIGNATION TODAY, SAYING HE WISHES HIM AND HIS WIFE "THE VERY BEST AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME." THE BOMBSHELL CAME AS A SURPRISE TO MANY ON CAPITOL HILL. PETRAEUS WAS APPOINTED TO C-I-A DIRECTOR LAST YEAR. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN CALLED THE RESIGNATION AN ENORMOUS LOSS, BUT SAYS SHE UNDERSTANDS HIS DECISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/12/12 REPORTED...THE PUPPETEER WHO PERFORMS AS ELMO ON "SESAME STREET" IS TAKING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE -- AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A 16-YEAR OLD BOY. 52-YEAR OLD KEVIN CLASH INSISTS HE BROKE NO LAWS, AND THE RELATIONSHIP WAS BETWEEN "TWO CONSENTING ADULTS." SESAME WORKSHOP SAYS ITS' OWN INVESTIGATION CLEARED KEVIN CLASH, BUT IT SUSPENDED HIM FOR VIOLATING ITS POLICY ON INTERNET USE. A SHOW INSIDER SAYS OTHER PUPPETEERS ARE PREPARED TO FILL-IN FOR CLASH DURING HIS ABSENCE. CLASH IS NORMALLY BEHIND THE SCENES AS ELMO'S VOICE AND ANIMATOR, BUT HE HAS PUBLISHED HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF A DOCUMENTARY LAST YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED...NEVER A DULL DAY FOR OAKLAND POLICE. TODAY THREE OFFICERS REUNITED W/ THE BABY BOY THEY HELPED DELIVER, LAST WEEK. OFFICERS FORMALLY MET FOUR DAY OLD KNOWLAND SHELL MILLER. KNOWLAND'S NAME PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE KNOWLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE HE WAS BORN, AND HIS MIDDLE NAME, SHELL, IS A TRIBUTE TO WHERE HE WAS BORN, AT A SHELL GAS STATION. KNOWLAND'S DAD WAIVED DOWN THE OFFICERS AT THE GAS STATION WHEN MOM WENT INTO LABOR ON THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL. KNOWLAND WEIGHED IN AT 7 POUNDS, 14 OUNCES, AND HAS AN ENTIRE POLICE FORCE TO THANK WHEN HE GROWS UP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/12 REPORTED...AFTER A SEASON IN WHICH POSEY LED THE NATIONAL LEAGUE IN HITTING AND THEN WINNING A 2ND WORLD SERIES CROWN...BUSTER POSEY WAS NAMED THE N.L.'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. POSEY BECAME THE FIRST N-L CATCHER IN 70 YEARS TO WIN THE BATTING TITLE AFTER HITTING .336. HE ALSO HAD 24 HR'S AND 103 RBI'S AND LED THE NL. IN OPS AT OVER .400. AFTER WINNING THE AWARD POSEY WAS EAGER TO SPREAD THE CONGRATULATIONS AROUND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/23/12 REPORTED...MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW FOR A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED LAST WEEK IN AN ATTEMPTED CARJACKING IN SAN JOSE. POLICE SAY 22 YEAR OLD RORY PARK-PETTIFORD WAS KILLED BY TWO ARMED ROBBERS WHO WENT ON A CRIME SPREE IN SAN JOSE ON NOVEMBER 16TH. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF MURDER, ROBBING FOUR EAST SAN JOSE BUSINESSES AND HAVING A SHOOTOUT WITH POLICE THAT LEFT ONE OFFICER HURT. SUSPECT JONATHAN WILBANKS IS IN CUSTODY. POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THE SECOND SUSPECT. A DONATION FUND HAD BEEN SET UP FOR THE VICTIM'S BURIAL COSTS AT RORYPARKDONATIONS-DOT-COM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/26/12 REPORTED...IN THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY TOWN OF ARCATA, STUDENTS AT THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ALL WORE *GREEN* TODAY. THAT'S THE FAVORITE COLOR OF A FELLOW-STUDENT WHO'S BELIEVED TO HAVE DROWNED IN AN ACCIDENT WHICH ALSO KILLED HIS PARENTS. THE COAST GUARD HAS CALLED-OFF ITS' SEARCH FOR 16-YEAR OLD GREGORY KULJIAN. THE FAMILY WAS WALKING

THEIR DOG ON THE BEACH AT BIG LAGOON SATURDAY WHEN THEIR DOG WAS ENGULFED BY A WAVE AND SWEEPED TOWARD THE OCEAN. GREGORY WENT IN AFTER THE DOG, AND HIS FATHER FOLLOWED. GREGORY MADE IT BACK TO THE BEACH, BUT WHEN HIS FATHER DIDN'T RETURN, GREGORY AND HIS MOTHER WENT BACK INTO THE WATER, WHILE GREGORY'S OLDER SISTER AND HIS GIRLFRIEND WATCHED IN HORROR. A BYSTANDER CALLED 9-1-1. THE BODIES OF THE PARENTS WASHED ASHORE, BUT GREGORY IS STILL MISSING. THE DOG SWAM ASHORE; ON HER OWN.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/12 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE RELEASING SURVEILLANCE IMAGES, SHOWING THE SUSPECT WHO BEAT AND KICKED A MUNI STATION AGENT LAST MONTH. THEY WANT THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN IDENTIFYING THE MAN. THE PICTURES SHOW A TALL, SLENDER MAN 25 TO 30 YEARS OLD, CARRYING A BIKE AND A BLACK SUITCASE. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE VICTIM, A 55-YEAR-OLD STATION AGENT, TOLD THE MAN BIKES WERE NOT ALLOWED IN THE STATION. THE SUSPECT REPEATEDLY IGNORED HIM AS HE MADE HIS WAY TO THE MUNI PLATFORM. ONCE THERE, DETECTIVES SAY THE MAN TURNED ON THE AGENT, KICKING AND PUNCHING HIM, FORCING HIM TO THE GROUND. THE AGENT RECOVERED, BUT HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/12 REPORTED... A HAYWARD MOTHER BEEN WAITING FOR CLOSURE FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. AND NOW SHE MIGHT GET THAT CLOSURE IN THE NEXT 6 WEEKS. A LABORATORY IN ARIZONA IS TESTING A NEWLY FOUND BONE FRAGMENT TO SEE IF IT BELONGS TO 9-YEAR OLD MICHAELA GARECHT. SHE DISAPPEARED IN 1988. INVESTIGATORS UNEARTHED THE 3-INCH BONE FRAGMENT ALONG WITH OTHER HUMAN REMAINS IN A SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY WELL. THAT'S WHERE VICTIMS OF THE SO-CALLED SPEED FREAK KILLERS ARE BELIVED TO BE BURIED. HAYWARD POLICE SAID THERE IS A DELAY IN TESTING THE FRAGMENTS THAT COULD BELONG TO THE LITTLE GIRL. THE RESULTS SHOULD AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/12 REPORTED...THIEVES STOLE 11-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF BRAS FROM THE STANFORD SHOPPING CENTER STORE ON WEDNESDAY. PALO ALTO POLICE SAY THEY TOOK 180 BRAS WHILE EMPLOYEES WERE BUSY WITH CUSTOMERS. THEY GRABBED THE UNDERGARMENTS FROM DRAWERS NEAR THE FRONT OF THE STORE AND WALKED OUT. UNFORTUNATLEY, THE STORE'S SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SYSTEM WAS BROKEN AND DID NOT CAPTURE THE HEIST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/5/12 REPORTED...TWO FREMONT POLICE OFFICERS ARE ON ROUTINE PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AFTER SHOOTING AND KILLING A MAN EARLY THIS MORNING. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE OFFICERS KILLED A 37- YEAR OLD MAN WHO WAS NAKED, HOLDING A KNIFE AND CHASING HIS ESTRANGED WIFE. IT HAPPENED ON CENTRAL AVENUE, JUST BLOCKS FROM GLENMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. A WOMAN HAD CALLED POLICE TO REPORT HER ROOMMATE WAS BEING ATTACKED BY HER HUSBAND AROUND 11PM LAST NIGHTPOLICE DEMANDED HE DROP THE KNIFE, AND WHEN HE DIDN'T, THEY SHOT HIM SEVERAL TIMES.THE OFFICERS WILL REMAIN ON PAID LEAVE AS THE INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT HAPPENED CONTINUES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED...A SECOND SUSPECT HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR SETTING A MUNI BUS ON FIRE FOLLOWING THE GIANTS WORLD SERIES WIN. 19-YEAR OLD NICHOLAS HUDSON OF DALY CITY IS CHARGED WITH THREE FELONIES, INCLUDING ARSON. POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THREE OTHER SUSPECTS WHO VANDALIZED MUNI BUSSES THAT SAME NIGHT. THE FIRST SUSPECT IS WEARING A BLACK GIANTS SWEATSHIRT AND A BLACK BASEBALL HAT.

THE SECOND SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE WEARING BLACK CLOTHES AND A BASEBALL HAT. THE THIRD SUSPECT IS A BLACK MALE WEARING A RED STRIPPED JACKET. POLICE PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED 22 YEAR OLD GREGORY GRANISS FOR SMASHING A MUNI BUS WINDOW. ANYONE CONNECTED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BUS WILL HAVE TO PAY PART OF THE 700 THOUSAND DOLLARS IT WILL COST TO REPLACE IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED...AN UNLIKELY LOCATION FOR AN ILLEGAL DRUG LAB. SWAT OFFICERS RAIDED TWO MOUNTAIN VIEW APARTMENT COMPLEXES THIS AFTERNOON. POLICE DETECTIVES AND THE SWAT TEAM SEARCHED FOUR APARTMENT UNITS ON BUSH STREET. THIS IS RIGHT OFF CASTRO, NEAR DOWNTOWN MT. VIEW. NEIGHBORS HAD REPORTEDLY CALLED THE POLICE IN THE PAST, CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE DRUG ACTIVITY INSIDE THE APARTMENTS. POLICE SAY ONE OF THE UNITS WAS BEING USED AS A D-M-T LAB. DMT IS A HALLUCINOGENIC THAT'S BECOMING POPULAR W/ HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS. DMT AS I STATED IT A HALLUCINOGEN DERIVED FROM PLANTS, YOU CAN SNORT IT, YOU CAN INJECT IT, AND IT IS A FAST-ACTING HALLUCINOGEN. OFFICERS SAY THEY FOUND METH AND MARIJUANA INSIDE THE APARTMENTS AS WELL. TWO PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED. THREE MORE WERE DETAINED. POLICE SAY THIS IS THE FIRST DMT LAB BUSTED IN THE BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED...POLICE ARE WARNING RESIDENTS IN SAN MATEO TO BE ON ALERT AFTER A STRING OF BURGLARIES IN OCTOBER. MORE THAN 12 BURGLARIES WERE REPORTED IN AN AREA EAST OF 101, AROUND COYOTE POINT AND 92. POLICE SAY THE MAJORITY OF THE CRIMES HAPPENED DURING WEEKDAY HOURS. THE SUSPECTS OFTEN KNOCKED ON DOORS THEN IF NO ONE RESPONDED THEY ENTERED THE HOMES THRU UNSECURED DOORS AND WINDOWS OR FORCED THEIR WAY IN. POLICE SAY TO LOCK DOORS AND WINDOWS AND ADD LAYERS OF SECURITY SUCH AS DOGS, ALARMS AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/23/12 REPORTED...POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A LATE NIGHT SHOOTING AT A SAN RAFAEL NIGHTCLUB THAT PUT TWO MEN IN THE HOSPITAL. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED, JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT AT "CLUB 101" ON WEST FRANCISCO BOULEVARD. POLICE SAY A FIGHT BROKE OUT INSIDE THE CLUB, AND THEN MOVED OUTSIDE. AT THAT POINT, A NUMBER OF SHOTS WERE FIRED AND BOTH MEN WERE HURT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIGHT IS NOT KNOWN. BOTH VICTIMS WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY WERE TREATED FOR NON-LIFE THREATENING GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/12 REPORTED... EQUAL RIGHTS ADVOCATES CALLS THE RESULTS OF OUR INVESTIGATION-SHOCKING AND DISTURBING. THE NATIONAL NONPROFIT IS NOW QUESTIONING MORE THAN 100 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE BAY AREA...ABOUT THEIR TITLE 9 POLICIES. HERE'S WHY: WE UNCOVERED AN ARRAY OF PROBLEMS...PRINCIPALS WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHO THE TITLE 9 COORDINATOR WAS...OTHERS WHO ARE THE COORDINATOR BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT...AND EDUCATORS WHO HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TITLE 9 IS. EQUAL RIGHTS ADVOCATES CALLS IT WIDESPREAD IGNORANCE OF BASIC FEDERAL LAW. NOW, THEY ARE ASKING DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THEY'RE IN COMPLIANCE---PROOF SCHOOLS HAVE COORDINATORS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... NATIVE AMERICANS WERE HONORED IN THE SOUTH BAY TODAY FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY. THE SAN JOSE VET CENTER HELD A JOB AND RESOURCES FAIR FOR THOSE VETERANS. PRESIDENT OBAMA PROCLAIMED NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. DURING WORLD WAR TWO, NATIVE AMERICANS USED THEIR NAVAJO LANGUAGE TO GET MESSAGES

AND CODES OUT TO THE TROOPS, BECAUSE THE ENEMY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE. THE PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE AT TODAY'S EVENT WAS LED BY THE TWINS OF OUR DAMIAN TRUJILLO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... SAFEWAY HAS AVERTED A POSSIBLE STRIKE AT ITS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STORES. TODAY THE COMPANY AND THE UNIONS THAT REPRESENT THE SUPERMARKET'S CLERKS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES REACHED A NEW LABOR DEAL. THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT COVERS HEALTH CARE, EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND OTHER ISSUES FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EMPLOYEES INCLUDING BAY AREA WORKERS. UNION LEADERS SAY THEY'LL RECOMMEND MEMBERS RATIFY THE TENTATIVE PACT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... THE VOTES ARE COUNTED IN WASHINGTON STATE, CONFIRMING TONIGHT THAT WASHINGTON HAS JOINED MAINE AND MARYLAND AS THE FIRST STATES TO ALLOW SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BY POPULAR VOTE. SIX OTHER STATES NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT, IOWA, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT ALREADY ALLOW GAY MARRIAGE BUT IT WAS ENACTED THERE BY EITHER LAWMAKERS OR COURT RULINGS, NOT PUBLIC VOTE. IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE INCLUDED MICROSOFT FOUNDER, BILL GATES, JEFF BEZOS OF AMAZON, AND NEW YORK MAYOR, MICHAEL BLOOMBERG.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/12 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO IS ABOUT TO BECOME THE FIRST U-S CITY TO PROVIDE AND COVER THE COST OF *SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY* FOR UNINSURED TRANSGENDER RESIDENTS. THE CITY'S HEALTH COMMISSION VOTED FOR THE PLAN THIS WEEK, WHICH WOULD TREAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL DISTRESS BECAUSE THEY FEEL A MIS-MATCH BETWEEN THEIR BODIES AND THEIR GENDER IDENTITIES. TRANSGENDER RIGHTS ADVOCATES PUSHED FOR THE COVERAGE UNDER THE CITY'S UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM. AND MORE U-S COMPANIES ARE OFFERING COVERAGE FOR THE SPECIALIZED SURGERY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED...HOMELESS, DISABLED VETERANS ARE GETTING A NEW PERMANENT PLACE TO LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO. TODAY WAS THE OPEN HOUSE. THIS BUILDING -- SOUTH OF MARKET -- UNDERWENT A 30 MILLION DOLLAR MAKEOVER WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS. THE NON PROFIT CALLED 'SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES' IS HELPING TO RUN IT. IT FEATURES 75- STUDIO APARTMENTS, EACH WITH A KITCHEN AND BATHROOM. THE BUILDING ALSO HOUSES COUNSELORS, A NURSE, COOKING AND WELLNESS CLASSES. THE VETS PAY 30-PERCENT OF WHATEVER THEIR INCOME IS. MOVE IN DAY IS EXPECTED IN THE COMING WEEKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED...HERE'S THE NAKED TRUTH. A GROUP OF NUDISTS CONTINUES TO PROTEST A CRACKDOWN ON PUBLIC NUDITY IN SAN FRANCISCO. TODAY THE GROUP FILED A LAWSUIT IN FEDERAL COURT. THEY OPPOSE AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY A CITY SUPERVISOR THAT WOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO BE NUDE IN PUBLIC PLAZAS, SIDEWALKS AND STREETS. THE NUDISTS WILL RALLY IN FRONT OF CITY HALL ON SATURDAY. SUPERVISORS ARE SET TO VOTE TUESDAY ON THE PROPOSAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED... SOME BIG NAMES HAVE COME FORWARD TO SUPPORT AN EAST BAY TEENAGER WHO WAS DRUMMED OUT OF THE BOY SCOUTS AFTER ACKNOWLEDGING HE'S GAY. THE STORY OF 18-YEAR OLD RYAN ANDRESEN'S MADE NATIONAL HEADLINES, ESPECIALLY AFTER HIS APPEARANCE ON THE ELLEN DEGENERES SHOW. NOW, SAN FRANCISCO STATE SENATOR LELAND YEE HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, URGING THE GROUP TO ALLOW THE MORAGA 18-YEAR OLD TO BECOME AN EAGLE SCOUT. 32 STATE LAWMAKERS SIGNED LEE'S LETTER, INCLUDING LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND U-S SENATOR BARBARA BOXER. ANDRESEN SAYS HE'S ALSO ENCOURAGED BY THE ACTIONS OF UPS, WHICH SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER DONATE TO THE BOY SCOUTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/23/12 REPORTED... AFTER EGYPT'S PRESIDENT DECLARED HIMSELF ABOVE JUDICIAL REVIEW TODAY, PROTESTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HIT THE STREETS. MOHAMMED MORSI GAVE HIMSELF SPECIAL POWERS BECAUSE OFFICIALS OF THE FORMER REGIME ARE BLOCKING THE DRAFTING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION. NBC'S JIM MACEDA HAS THE LATEST FROM TAHRIR SQUARE, WHERE THOUSANDS HAVE GATHERED TO PROTEST THE COUNTRY'S NEW PRESIDENT.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/12 REPORTED... GET READY TO SEE WHAT HARD WORK WILL ACCOMPLISH. THREE-HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE GATHERED IN THEIR GYM TODAY TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THEIR FUTURES. *ALL* THE STUDENTS YOU'RE LOOKING AT WILL ATTEND EITHER A U-C OR CAL STATE UNIVERSITY. THE CHANCELLOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY PAID THEM A VISIT TODAY... TO TELL THEM MORE ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS. TODAY'S EVENT WAS PART OF THE "ACHIEVE U-C" PROGRAM. IT'S AN EFFORT BY THE UC SYSTEM TO CONNECT LOW-INCOME STUDENTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/12 REPORTED... EVEN IN THE MIDST OF CITYWIDE EUPHORIA, IT MIGHT BE A TOUGH PILL FOR PARENTS TO SWALLOW: EVERY DAY OF SCHOOL YOUR CHILD MISSES, SAY FOR EXAMPLE, TO CATCH A PARADE, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LIKELY PICKING UP THE TAB. AND WE KNOW KIDS WERE PLAYING HOOKY ON WEDNESDAY FOR THE GIANTS PARADE-BOB REDELL HAS THE EVIDENCE. MAYBE THAT COUGH IS GOING AROUND- WE CALLED UP TEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND ASKED THEM FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE NUMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, THE DAY OF THE PARADE. FOR THOSE THAT REPLIED- WE TOOK THE "TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS MISSING", SUBTRACTED THAT FIGURE FROM "THE AVERAGE STUDENTS MISSING ON A TYPICAL DAY", AND MULTIPLIED THE RESULT BY A COMPLEX 'REVENUE FUNDING' FORMULA, DIFFERENT FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT. HERE'S WHAT WE FOUND, THE 'TOTAL MONEY LOST'- SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED CEDED *\$122,000* IN STATE FUNDING BY OUR CALCULATIONS- \$158,000. ...BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NUMBERS, WITH 41-HUNDRED MORE STUDENTS MISSING, THAN AVERAGE. THE OTHER RESPONDERS SHOWED A MUCH SMALLER DEVIATION, IF ANY, IN THEIR ATTENDANCE: SAN JOSE UNIFIED HAD 1,297 ABSENCES... WITHIN ITS DAILY RANGE OF 1200-1300. BERKELEY REPORTED 319 ABSENCES... RIGHT IN LINE WITH ITS NORMAL NUMBERS. AND FREMONT HAD 11-HUNDRED ABSENCES... BUT OUT OF A STUDENT BODY POPULATION OF 33,000.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/52/12 REPORTED... THE FINAL PUSH, GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN IS STILL CAMPAIGNING TONIGHT FOR PROPOSITION 30 - WHICH HE SAYS VOTERS MUST PASS TO SAVE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA. BROWN SAYS THE MEASURE - WHICH WOULD TEMPORARILY INCREASE THE SALES TAX AND INCOME TAX ON PEOPLE WHO MAKE MORE THAN 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR - HAS SUPPORT AMONG DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. CRITICS ARGUE THAT WHILE THERE IS SOME LANAUGE THAT ASSURES THE 7 TO 9 BILLION DOLLARS PROP-30 GENERATES ANNUALLY, WHICH WILL TECHNICALLY GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND, WOULD BE SPENT MOSTLY ON EDUCATION... IT IS NOT A GUARANTEE. PROP-30 MONEY ALSO GOES TOWARD PUBLIC SAFETY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE WAS FACING IMMINENT FINANCIAL DISASTER. IT FACED BANKRUPTCY AND LOSS OF ITS ACCREDITATION. BUT THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION "A" AND PROPOSITION 30, ALONG WITH CHANGES IN THE WAY THE COLLEGE OPERATES IS KEEPING THE SCHOOL ON LIFE SUPPORT. IT STILL HAS MAJOR PROBLEMS SUCH AS UNFUNDED HEALTHCARE LIABILITIES AND WEAK MONEY RESERVES. STUDENTS DON'T HAVE ANY ILLUSIONS. MOST KNOW THAT PROPOSITION 30 PROVIDES FUNDS THAT WERE ALREADY IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. COLLEGE

OFFICIALS THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BALANCE THE SCHOOL'S BUDGET ELIMINATE INEFFICIENCIES AND IDENTIFY THE "FIXES" THAT STILL NEED TO BE MADE. NOW THOSE OFFICIALS HAVE THE TASK OF NEGOTIATING WITH THEIR LABOR UNIONS AS THEY TRY TO IMPROVE CITY COLLEGE'S FINANCIAL STANDING. THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES SEEM TO BE CONFIDENT THEY CAN SAVE THE INSTITUTION. THEIR NEXT BIG TEST WILL BE IN MARCH, WHEN THEY HAVE TO SHOW THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION THE PROGRESS THEY'VE MADE. PASSAGE OF THE PROPOSITIONS WILL DEFINITELY HELP. LIVE AT SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE A.S. NBC BAY AREA NEWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/8/12 REPORTED... CSU ADMINISTRATORS SAY SOME STUDENTS ARE TAKING TOO LONG TO GRADUATE -- SO THEY'RE CONSIDERING A PLAN TO PUSH THEM ALONG FASTER. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL VOTE NEXT WEEK ON NEW FEE-HIKES DESIGNED TO PUSH STUDENTS TO EARN THEIR DEGREES FASTER AND FREE-UP SOME ADMISSION SPOTS. THE 23-CAMPUS SYSTEM SAYS IT'S BEEN TURNING AWAY MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS FOR FOUR-STRAIGHT YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/12 REPORTED...PROTESTORS UPSET WITH POSSIBLE TUITION INCREASES BLOCKED THE STREETS AROUND THE U-C REGENTS MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO. STUDENTS PLAYED MUSIC AND STOOD IN TRAFFIC AT 16TH STREET NEAR THE U-C-S-F MISSION BAY CAMPUS. THE REGENTS HAVE ASKED THE STATE FOR 276 MILLION DOLLARS SO THAT IT WON'T HAVE TO RAISE TUITION NEXT YEAR. THE GOVERNOR SAYS THAT'S UNREALISTIC EVEN WITH VOTER APPROVED PROP 30, WHICH RAISED TAXES TO PREVENT DEEPER EDUCATION CUTS. STUDENTS SAY IT'S TIME FOR AN END TO CUTS AND HIKES. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE REGENTS SAYS PROP 30 FUNDS WILL HELP STABILIZE THE SYSTEM, BUT THEY STILL LOST 900 MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE FUNDING OVER 4 YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/12 REPORTED...MORE EDUCATION NEWS FOR YOU NOW: A BAY AREA NONPROFIT THAT HELPS LOW-INCOME STUDENTS GET INTO COLLEGE IS PLANNING A MAJOR EXPANSION IN SAN FRANCISCO. COLLEGE TRACK WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THEY SERVE IN THE CITY'S BAYVIEW DISTRICT. THE CEO OF COLLEGE TRACK SAT DOWN WITH ME THIS WEEK AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE HURDLES MANY STUDENTS FACE WHEN THEY WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE. YOU CAN HEAR MUCH MORE ABOUT COLLEGE TRACK THIS SUNDAY ON CLASS ACTION AT 9:30 A-M.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/26/12 REPORTED...RIGHT NOW YOU COULD NEARLY HEAR A PIN DROP, EARLIER TODAY, YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HEARD A JET OVER THE ROAR OF HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS PROTESTING, ASKING THEIR DISTRICT TO SIT DOWN WITH THEM. BUT THE DISTRICT SAYS THEY'RE SO FAR APART, THEY CAN'T MEET IN THE MIDDLE WITHOUT A LITTLE OUTSIDE HELP.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/12 REPORTED... IT'S BEEN THREE-MONTHS NOW SINCE THAT CRIPPLING FIRE AT CHEVRON'S RICHMOND REFINERY ...TODAY THE COMPNAY ANNOUNCED IT IS LOOKING AT FULLY RE-OPENING THE FACILITY EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE FIRE IN AUGUST DAMAGED THE UNIT WHICH DISTILLS CRUDE OIL. WHILE EXPERTS TRACED THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE TO THE EXPLODING OF A CORRODED PIPE, FEDERAL AND STATE INVESTIGATIONS ARE STILL UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE WHY THE PIPE BECAME UNSTABLE. A SPOKESMAN SAYS THE REFINERY EXPECTS THE UNIT TO GO BACK ONLINE IN THE FIRST THREE-MONTHS OF 2013.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/1/12 REPORTED... 5 DAYS AFTER SUPERSTORM SANDY HIT THE EAST COAST, RESIDENTS IN THE MOST DEVASTATED AREAS ARE FINALLY RECEIVING SOME MUCH NEEDED FOOD, WATER, AND CLOTHING. OFFICIALS WITH FEMA, THE RED CROSS AND NATIONAL GUARD WERE A WELCOME SIGHT FOR RESIDENTS ON

STATEN ISLAND. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY CRITICAL, SAYING RESPONSE HAS BEEN SLOW TO THE OUTER NEW YORK CITY BOROUGH. AROUND THE NORTH EAST, LINES ARE STILL VERY LONG AT GAS STATIONS WHERE FUEL IS IN SHORT SUPPLY... ALSO AT BUS STOPS AND SUBWAY STATIONS BECAUSE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS STILL LIMITED. AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER. AND LATE TODAY, AFTER PUBLIC OUTRAGE, NEW YORK CITY DECIDED TO CANCEL ITS MARATHON THIS WEEKEND. MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG SAID THE RACE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT-IN MUCH NEEDED REVENUE AND SEND A MESSAGE THAT THE CITY IS RECOVERING, BUT RESIDENTS SAY THE FOCUS NEEDS TO BE ON HELPING THE VICTIMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/12/12 REPORTED... THE SOUTH BAY HAS SOME CATCHING UP TO DO WHEN IT COMES TO CAR POOLING. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY THAT SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE OF SOLO DRIVERS WHO COMMUTE TO WORK. NO SURPRISE PUBLIC TRANSIT HEAVY SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY IS FIRST WITH ABOUT 37 PERCENT OF ITS WORKFORCE GOING SOLO IN A CAR. MARIN HAS ABOUT 65-PERCENT SOLO DRIVERS. ALAMEDA COUNTY IS CLOSE BEHIND...ALSO ABOUT 65 PERCENT. SANTA CLARA AND SOLANO COUNTIES ARE FOURTH AND FIFTH. EACH HAS MORE THAN 76-POINT-SIX PERCENT OF ITS DRIVERS GOING SOLO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... PUMP IN AT 7:17, IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS AN HISTORIC FILLUP THIS COULD BE IT. FUEL, MADE FROM ALGAE, TURNED INTO BIODIESEL; A LOT CLEANER THAN WHAT'S CURRENTLY IN YOUR CAR. IT'S MADE BY SILICON VALLEY-BASED 'SOLAZYME...', DISTRIBUTED AT THIS REDWOOD CITY GAS STATION RUN BY PROPEL FUELS. THEIR HEADQUARTERS IS NEARBY, THEIR FUTURE GOAL: HELP MAKE THE WORLD A CLEANER PLACE. IT'S A PARTNERSHIP DRAWING A LOT OF ATTENTION THAT COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A NEW SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP CATEGORY - CLEANER BURNING FUELS TO POWER YOUR CAR, ALONG WITH OTHER VEHICLES. AND, LIKE ANYTHING SILICON VALLEY TAKES THE LEAD IN THE COMPANIES HERE ARE TALKING JOB GROWTH AS WELL. GROWING QUICKLY, FUELED BY HOPES OF A CLEANER FUTURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED... RAIN IS ON THE WAY AND CREWS IN DALY CITY ARE WORKING HARD TO TRY AND CLEAR UP A MASSIVE MUDSLIDE BEFORE IT GETS WORSE. CITY WORKERS BROUGHT IN HEAVY EQUIPMENT AT DAYBREAK TO HILLSIDE PARK WHICH IS STILL UNDER 3 FEET OF MUD. THEY ARE TRYING TO CLEAR STORM DRAINS, DIG A PATH AND USE STRAW AND HAY TO KEEP MUD FROM FLOWING INTO THE STREETS AGAIN. YESTERDAY A PIPE TO A WATER STORAGE TANK BROKE SPILLING 45,000 GALLONS OF WATER, SAND AND MUD. CARS WERE NEARLY BURIED IN MUD, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN CLEARED OUT. ABOUT 40 NEIGHBORS WERE EVACUATED. BUT ENGINEERS SAY THEIR HOMES ARE SAFE. THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SAYS THAT ENGINEERS BELIEVE THE HILLSIDE IS STABLE. AFTER THE RAIN IS OVER THEY MAY MOVE SOME OF THE MUD BACK INTO THE AREA THAT SLID. THE CITY WILL NEED GEO-TECHNICAL ADVICE TO COME UP WITH A LONG TERM FIX.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED... AN ENVIRONMENTAL MILESTONE TODAY FOR CALIFORNIA; WITH THE START OF ITS CAP AND TRADE PROGRAM, THE STATE BEGAN AUCTIONING PERMITS FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. THE PROGRAM PLACES A LIMIT, OR CAP, ON A BUSINESS'S ALLOWABLE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. COMPANIES CAN THEN BUY, OR TRADE, THOSE ALLOWANCES, GIVING THEM THE ABILITY TO GO OVER THEIR LIMIT. CALIFORNIA IS EXPECTED TO HAVE THE WORLD'S SECOND-LARGEST CARBON MARKET. THE STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD SAYS THE RESULTS OF THE AUCTION WILL BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/15/12 REPORTED... NEARLY HALF OF AMERICANS ARE NOW PROTECTED FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE, COMPARED WITH ONLY 3-PERCENT IN 2000. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, 30- OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST CITIES ARE

NOW SMOKE FREE. SAN JOSE, WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH THE SMOKE FREE LAW BACK IN 2000. THE LAWS PROHIBIT SMOKING IN ALL INDOOR AREAS OF PRIVATE WORKPLACES, RESTAURANTS AND BARS. IF THE TREND CONTINUES, "ALL" AMERICANS COULD BE PROTECTED FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE BY 2020.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/28/12 REPORTED... MOST AMERICAN COUCHES ARE TOXIC, THOSE FINDINGS MADE BY CAL AND DUKE RESEARCHERS. THEY FOUND FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN MORE THAN A THIRD OF SOFAS TESTED NATIONWIDE. AT LEAST TWO OF THE TOXIC CHEMICALS ARE KNOWN TO CAUSE CANCER, HORMONE DISRUPTION, AND NEUROLOGICAL AND REPRODUCTIVE DAMAGE. HEALTH ADVOCATES ARE NOW URGING legislators TO PASS STRICTER GUIDELINES.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/2/12 REPORTED... FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE VIDEOTAPING HER TEARFUL AND BRUISED NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, IVORY MADISON IS SPEAKING OUT....AND THIS TIME SHE'S AT THE CENTER OF A 60 SECOND POLITICAL AD. MADISON IS NOW CAMPAIGNING AGAINST SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR, CHRISTINA OLAGUE. OLAGUE REPLACED ROSS MIRKARIKIMI AS A CITY SUPERVISOR WHEN MIRKARIMI BECAME SHERIFF AND ONAGUE VOTED FOR MIRKARIMI TO KEEP HIS JOB DURING AN ETHICS HEARING. IVORY MADISON, ONCE ELIANA LOPEZ' CONFIDANTE, SHOT THE NOW INFAMOUS VIDEO OF LOPEZ EXPLAINING HOW HER HUSBAND GRABBED HER ARM DURING A NEW YEAR'S EVE FIGHT. THE VIDEO WAS CENTRAL TO THE DOMESTIC ABUSE CASE AGAINST MIRKARIMI. "SF WOMEN FOR ACCOUNTABILITY PRODUCED THE POLITICAL AD. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO THE OLAGUE CAMPAIGN FOR REACTION BUT HAVE NOT RECIEVED ANY CALLS BACK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/5/12 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA RIGHT NOW IS HOLDING HIS FINAL CAMPAIGN EVENT IN DES MOINES, IOWA -- ENDING IN THE STATE THAT GAVE HIM HIS FIRST MAJOR VICTORY FOUR-YEARS AGO. TODAY'S PUNISHING SCHEDULE COVERED A-THOUSAND MILES, FROM WISCONSIN TO OHIO, WHERE HE CONTINUES TO CAPITALIZE ON AUTO BAILOUT. AND WHILE HE MAY BE THE PRESIDENT, HE'S TRAVELING WITH *THE BOSS.*ROCKER BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN IS SINGING AT HIS RALLIES. JAY-Z AND PRESIDENT CLINTON ARE ALSO ON BOARD, ENCOURAGING VOTERS TO GET TO THE POLLS TOMORROW. MITT ROMNEY, TOO, IS FOCUSED ON SWING STATES, STARTING THE DAY IN FLORIDA, AND MOVING TO VIRGINIA. HIS SCHEDULE, TOO, IS A BLUR. SINCE SATURDAY, HE'S HELD 13-EVENTS IN SEVEN BATTLEGROUND STATES, WITH A MESSAGE OF BIPARTISANSHIP, VOWING TO BREAK THE GRIDLOCK IN WASHINGTON. THE PRESIDENT MADE ANOTHER CALL TO NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE TODAY ABOUT STORM CLEAN-UP, BUT SURPRISED THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR BY HANDING THE PHONE TO BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN-- A NEW JERSEY NATIVE. CHRISTIE IS A LONGTIME SPRINGSTEEN FAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED...BIG SMILES FROM THE GOVERNOR TODAY... AND EVEN BIGGER SMILES FROM STUDENTS. WITHIN HOURS OF PROP-30 SQUEAKING TO VICTORY THIS MORNING THE C-S-U SYSTEM ANNOUNCED IT WILL START ISSUING REFUND-CHECKS TO STUDENTS. PROP-30 NARROWLY WON IN VOTE COUNTING OVERNIGHT, WITH 54-PERCENT. IT WILL RAISE INCOME TAXES ON CALIFORNIANS EARNING MORE THAN \$250K A YEAR AND IT ALSO HIKES THE SALES TAX BY A QUARTER-CENT. THE SALES TAX TAKES EFFECT IN JANUARY AND THE INCOME TAX HIKE IS RETROACTIVE TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR GOVERNOR BROWN WHO CAMPAIGNED TIRELESSLY CONSIDERS THE VOTE A WIN NOT FOR HIMSELF, BUT FOR THE STATE. HE SAYS THE NEW MONEY WILL COVER SIX-BILLION DOLLARS IN EDUCATION CUTS MADE IN RECENT YEARS. THE GOVERNOR ADDS

THAT RATING SERVICES SUCH AS STANDARD AND POOR'S ARE ALREADY NOTING CALIFORNIA'S NEW INCOME, AND VIEWING ITS FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FAVORABLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED...SENATOR DIANE FEINSTEIN SAYS SHE ACCOMPLISHED A PERSONAL GOAL OF WINNING A STATEWIDE RACE WITH AT LEAST 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. FEINSTEIN WAS RE-ELECTED YESTERDAY TO HER FOURTH TERM IN THE US SENATE, DEFEATING ELIZABETH EMKEN. FEINSTEIN SAYS THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IS A MANDATE FOR HIM TO SOLVE THE FISCAL CRISIS LOOMING AT THE YEARS END AND SAYS ITS TIME FOR BOTH DEMS AND REPUBLICANS TO WORK TOGETHER. GOING OVER THE "FISCAL CLIFF" AS ITS CALLED COULD COST CALIFONRIA 220 THOUSAND JOBS WHEN THE BUSH TAX CUTS WILL EXPIRE AND AUTOMATIC SPENDING CUTS KICK IN AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED...THERE WAS NO ELECTION NIGHT VICTORY PARTY FOR BOB OFFER-WESTORT. AT THE SAME TIME, HIS CAMPAIGN TO DEFEAT BERKELEY'S SIT-LIE ORDINANCE WASN'T HANGING ITS HEAD IN DEFEAT. A WEEK AFTER THE ELECTION, THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE MEASURE TO BAN SITTING OR LYING ON BERKELY SIDEWALKS, WAS STILL HITTING THE REFRESH BUTTON. WITH ELECTION OFFICIALS STILL COUNTING BALLOTS, THE RACE REMAINED TOO CLOSE TO OFFICIALLY CALL. MEASURE T, WHICH WOULD REZONE WEST BERKELEY TO ALLOW FOR TALLER BUILDINGS\ WAS ALSO TRAILING BY JUST OVER 400 VOTES WITH BALLOTS STILL BEING COUNTED. THE SUSPENSE CONTINUED IN SAN FRANCISCO, AS ELECTIONS WORKERS CONTINUED TALLYING VOTES IN THE RACE FOR DISTRICT SEVEN SUPERVISOR. ALEX TOURK, WHO RAN THE CAMPAIGN FOR CANDIDATE F-X CROWLEY, WAS CAREFULLY WATCHING RESULTS, PUTTING HIS GUY NARROWLY BEHIND CANDIDATE NORMAN YEE. TODAY'S FOUR O'CLOCK ELECTION UPDATE BY SAN FRANCISCO ELECTION DIRECTOR JOHN ARNTZ DIDN'T SHED MUCH MORE LIGHT; HE SAID YEE NOW HOLDS A 33 VOTE LEAD. WITH 1500 VOTES TO COUNT AND NO END IN SIGHT... THIS ELECTION MAY PROVE THE MOST STRESSFUL PART OF THE RACE, STARTED AFTER THE LAST BALLOT WAS CAST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... AS CONGRESS RETURNED TO WORK TODAY IN WASHINGTON, SOME DEMOCRATS ARE PUSHING AN UNORTHODOX IDEA FOR COPING WITH THE SO-CALLED FISCAL CLIFF. THEY PROPOSE LETTING THE STEEP TAX HIKEs AND SPENDING CUTS TAKE EFFECT IN THE NEW YEAR—FORCING REPUBLICANS TO BARGAIN. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS IT WANTS A DEAL WITHOUT GOING OVER THE FISCAL CLIFF. LAWMAKERS HAVE ABOUT 7-WEEKS TO REACH A BUDGET DEAL THAT WILL AVOID THE SCENARIO. SOME FEAR THE ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY COULD IGNITE TURMOIL IN THE FINANCIAL MARKETS OR CAUSE BUSINESSES TO DELAY HIRING AND SPEND LESS. ALL THIS WEEK THE PRESIDENT IS MEETING WITH LAWMAKERS AND LEADERS IN LABOR AND BUSINESS, GETTING THEIR INPUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/21/12 REPORTED...EMBATTLED ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN *JESSE JACKSON JUNIOR* QUIETLY RESIGNED TODAY, EFFECTIVELY ENDING A ONCE-PROMISING POLITICAL CAREER. JUST TWO-WEEKS AFTER VOTERS RE-ELECTED HIM TO A NINTH TERM, JACKSON SENT HIS RESIGNATION LETTER TO THE HOUSE SPEAKER, CITING HIS ONGOING TREATMENT FOR BIPOLAR DISORDER AND ADMITTING HIS SHARE OF MISTAKES. JACKSON IS REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING A PLEA DEAL THAT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO RESIGN FOR HEALTH REASONS, SERVE SOME JAIL TIME FOR THE MISUSE OF FUNDS, REPAY FUNDS IMPROPERLY USED, AND RETAIN HIS CONGRESSIONAL PENSION. THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL JACKSON'S HOUSE SEAT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/23/12 REPORTED... CONGRESS MAY HAVE TAKEN THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND OFF, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN A BREAK IN TALKS ABOUT THE IMPENDING FISCAL CLIFF. LOBBYISTS ARE LAUNCHING NEW T-V, PRINT AND RADIO ADS. LAWMAKERS ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO AGREE ON A DEFICIT-CUTTING

DEAL, NOW THEY'RE FACING ADDED PRESSURE FROM SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. NBC'S DANIELLE LEIGH HAS MORE FROM WASHINGTON.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/5/12 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS: A SIGNIFICANT STUDY IN STEM CELL RESEARCH. STEM CELLS FROM PATIENTS OR DONORS MAY HELP REPAIR HEARTS DAMAGED BY HEART ATTACKS. A NEW STUDY SAYS STEM CELLS DONATED BY STRANGERS PROVED TO BE JUST AS SAFE AS A PATIENT'S OWN CELLS IN HELPING RESTORE HEART TISSUE. THE RESEARCH INVOLVED ONLY 30- PATIENTS, BUT DOCTORS SAY THE CONCEPT THAT ANYBODY'S CELLS CAN BE USED WITH NO BLOOD OR TISSUE MATCHING IS A NOTABLE STEP FORWARD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/5/12 REPORTED... TAKING A MULTI-VITAMIN TO PREVENT THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE DOES NOTHING FOR OLDER MEN WHO TAKE ONE DAILY. THE NEW RESEARCH FROM 'BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IN BOSTON' FOLLOWED MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND MIDDLE-AGED MEN FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. THEY EITHER TOOK A 'CENTRUM SILVER MULTIVITAMIN' OR A PLACEBO. AFTER 11 YEARS, RESEARCHERS FOUND NO REDUCTION IN HEART ATTACKS, STROKES OR CARDIOVASCULAR-RELATED DEATHS AMONG THOSE TAKING THE MULTI VITAMINS. EXPERTS SAY EXERCISE, QUITTING SMOKING AND HEALTHY EATING ARE ALL PROVEN WAYS TO CUT DOWN ON HEART RISKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED... GRAYING OR THINNING HAIR, WRINKLES, PUFFIER EYES... ALL OF THESE SIGNS OF AGING COULD ALSO SIGNAL HEART ATTACK RISK. THE DANISH STUDY IS DRAWING A LOT OF ATTENTION. RESEARCHERS MONITORED NEARLY 11 THOUSAND PARTICIPANTS OVER THE AGE OF 40. THEY FOUND THAT THOSE WHO HAD 3 TO 4 SIGNS OF AGING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE STUDY HAD A 57 PERCENT INCREASED CHANCE OF HAVING A HEART ATTACK. HEART DISEASE IS MORE PREVALENT AMONG OLDER PEOPLE, AND RESEARCHERS SAY DOCTORS SHOULD ROUTINELY CHECK THEIR PATIENTS FOR VISIBLE SIGNS OF AGING. THE AMOUNT OF GRAY HAIR OR NUMBER OF WRINKLES HAD NO IMPACT ON HEART DISEASE RISK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/12 REPORTED... IN HEALTH MATTERS, BETTER STOCK UP ON TISSUE. NEW RESEARCH SHOWS ALLERGIES ARE GOING TO GET WORSE IN THE FUTURE. IN THE YEAR 2000, POLLEN PRODUCTION BEGAN IN APRIL AND PEAKED IN MAY. ALLERGISTS SAY BY THE YEAR 20-40 THAT PEAK WILL COME A MONTH EARLIER. THAT MEANS THE COUGHS AND SNEEZES WILL COME EARLIER, COULD LAST LONGER AND BE MORE SEVERE. RESEARCHERS BLAME IT ON CLIMATE CHANGE. ALLERGY SPECIALISTS SAY TO RELIEVE SUFFERING SEE A DOCTOR, SHOWER BEFORE BED, CLEAN YOUR GLASSES , KEEP YOUR WINDOWS CLOSED AND WASH PETS THAT CAN BRING ALLERGENS IN FROM OUTSIDE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/9/12 REPORTED... SCOTT SILVER SAYS HE MAKES SURE THE HELMETS HIS KIDS WEAR IN HIS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE ARE SAFE. ESTHER DURAN SAYS SHE TRUSTS SILVER TO TAKE CARE OF HER SON ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. THAT'S WHERE 49ERS QUARTER BACK ALEX SMITH WAS HIT SUNDAY, IN THE HEAD. THE COACH DOESN'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL RETURN AFTER SUFFERING A CONCUSSION. LAMON MUDROW IS TRAINING SO AN NFL TEAM CAN DRAFT HIM. THE FORMER SPARTAN REMEMBERS THE BLURRY VISION AFTER HIS CONCUSSION AS A SPARTAN 2 YEARS AGO. THE RULES ARE VIRTUALLY THE SAME FOR THE PROS AS THEY ARE FOR COLLEGE AND YOUTH SPORTS WHEN IT COMES TO CONCUSSIONS. NO PLAYER CAN PLAY AGAIN, UNTIL GETTING THE ALL-CLEAR FROM A DOCTOR. IF THEY DON'T HIT THAT BASELINE, THEY'LL REMAIN ON THE SIDELINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... DANISH RESEARCHERS ANALYZED DATA COLLECTED FROM 97-THOUSAND MOTHERS. THEY FOUND CHILDREN WHOSE MOTHERS HAD THE FLU OR RAN A FEVER LASTING MORE THAN A WEEK DURING PREGNANCY HAD AN INCREASED RISK OF DEVELOPING AUTISM. BUT PEDIATRICIAN DR. CHRISTINE HALABURKA SAYS THE NEW RESEARCH DOES NOT OFFER A SPECIFIC CAUSE OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. THE STUDY SHOWED PREGNANT WOMEN WITH PROLONGED FEVER HAD TWICE THE RISK OF HAVING A CHILD WITH AUTISM... BUT AT THE PACIFIC AUTISM CENTER FOR EDUCATION IN SANTA CLARA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KURT OHLFS CAUTIONS THE RATE WAS STILL TWO IN EVERY ONE HUNDRED CHILDREN, A RELATIVELY SMALL RATE OF AUTISM. SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THE NEW RESEARCH IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF A VERY LARGE PUZZLE LOOKING AT WHETHER OUTSIDE FACTORS SUCH AS FEVER CAUSED BY INFLAMMATION MAY PLAY A ROLE IN CAUSING AUTISM. BUT AT THE VERY LEAST IT HIGHLIGHTS WHAT PREGNANT WOMEN CAN DO TO PROTECT THEIR BABIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... A SODA THAT FIGHTS OBESITY? PEPSI COLA IN JAPAN IS UNVEILING A FIBER INFUSED DRINK CALLED "PEPSI SPECIAL". IT CONTAINS "DEXTRIN", ALSO KNOWN AS "BENEFIBER". ITS DISTRIBUTOR SAYS "DEXTRIN" WILL HELP REDUCE FAT LEVELS IN THE BODY. THE SODA IS BEING TARGETED TOWARD HEALTHY CONSCIOUS MEN IN THEIR 30'S AND OLDER. THE FAT BLOCKING SODA WILL BE RELEASED TOMORROW IN JAPAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... THE LATEST MEDICAL ADVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN VISION PROBLEMS? GET TO AN EYE DOCTOR AND THEN GET AN I-PAD. ELECTRONIC TABLETS, LIKE THE I-PAD, MAY HELP IMPROVE READING ABILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH MACULAR DEGENERATION AND SIMILAR VISION PROBLEMS. THE MACULA IS THE PART OF THE EYE USED LOOK AT SOMETHING DIRECTLY TO READ IT. BECAUSE ELECTRONIC TABLETS ARE BACK-LIT, THE LIGHT COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, MAKING IT EASIER TO READ. USERS CAN INCREASE THE FONT SIZE, AND ADJUST THE CONTRAST AND BRIGHTNESS TO SHARPEN LETTERS AND IMAGES. EXPERTS ALSO SAY THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT READING FROM SCREENS CAN DAMAGE EYES FURTHER. THIS RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY A MEDICAL SCHOOL IN NEW JERSEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/13/12 REPORTED... PEDIATRICIANS THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA ARE SENDING MORE BABIES HERE TO THE HOSPITAL TO HELP THEM FIGHT RSV... THE VIRUS HITS PREMATURE BABIES THE HARDEST, MAKING IT HARD FOR THEM TO BREATHE. ONCE IN THE HOSPITAL, YOUNG PATIENTS OFTEN RECEIVE OXYGEN AND NUTRITION THROUGH AN I.V. LINE. DOCTORS SAY RSV CAN BE DEADLY IN PATIENTS WITH CONGENITAL HEART AND LUNG PROBLEMS. SILICON VALLEY PEDIATRICIANS DR. CHRISTINE HALABURKA SAYS HER PRACTICE HAS ALREADY ADMITTED TWO INFANTS TO THE HOSPITAL FOR R-S-V. SHE SAYS WHAT'S ALARMING IS THE VIRUS APPEARS TO BE HITTING US EARLY. THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS LABS ARE SHOWING POSITIVE TESTS FOR RSV, AND AS THESE NUMBERS INDICATE, DOCTORS AT KAISER PERMANENTE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HAVE ALSO SEEN A STEADY INCREASE OF CONFIRMED RSV CASES FROM EARLY OCTOBER TIL NOW. THERE IS A WAY TO PROTECT YOUR BABY. WHEN MEGAN WAS BORN PREMATURELY AT 31 WEEKS, SHE WEIGHED LESS THAN FOUR POUNDS; SHE RECEIVED A SPECIAL SHOT TO HELP PREVENT RSV. HOWEVER THOSE SHOTS CAN BE COSTLY, MORE THAN 500 DOLLARS FOR JUST ONE, AND NOT ALL INSURANCE PROVIDERS COVER THE EXPENSE.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED... THE FRANTIC SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS IN GUATEMALA TONIGHT AFTER A 7-POINT-4 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HIT OFF THE COUNTRY'S PACIFIC COAST. 39 CONFIRMED DEAD AND MORE THAN A-HUNDRED STILL MISSING. THE QUAKE WAS FELT AS FAR AWAY AS MEXICO CITY 700 MILES FROM THE EPICENTER. THIS IS THE STRONGEST EATHQUAKE TO HIT GUATEMALA SINCE 19-76, WHEN A 7-POINT-5 MAGNITUDE QUAKE KILLED MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND PEOPLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED... DESPITE 2 DAYS OF ANGRY PROTESTS, LAWMAKERS IN GREECE NARROWLY APPROVED AN AUSTERITY PACKAGE, WHICH INCLUDES 17 BILLION DOLLARS IN SALARY CUTS AND TAX HIKES. 100-THOUSAND WORKERS WALKED-OFF THEIR JOBS THIS WEEK, ANGRY WITH THE PROPOSED CUTS. THE STRIKE SHUT DOWN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOLS AND BANKS. DESPITE THE PROTESTS, THE PARLIAMENT JUST IN THE PAST FEW HOURS APPROVED THE REFORM PACKAGE TO PREVENT THE COUNTRY FROM GOING BANKRUPT, AND TO SECURE AN INTERNATIONAL BAIL-OUT FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION. WHETHER THIS WILL BRING STABILITY TO GREECE, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED... THE PENTAGON CONFIRMED TODAY THAT 2 IRANIAN JETS FIRED AT AN UNMANNED U-S DRONE, AND MISSED. THE PENTAGON SAYS THE DRONE WAS ATTACKED LAST THURSDAY WHILE DOING ROUTINE SURVEILLANCE OVER THE PERSIAN GULF IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE. WHEN REPORTERS ASKED IF THIS WAS AN ACT OF WAR, THE PENTAGON SPOKESMAN SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INTO QUOTE "LEGAL CHARACTERIZATIONS". AS FOR HOW THE U-S MIGHT RESPOND? HE SAID THERE WAS A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS FROM DIPLOMATIC TO MILITARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/7/12 REPORTED... SYRIAN PRESIDENT BASHAR AL-ASSAD...MAKING THREATS IN A RARE TELEVISION APPEARANCE TODAY. HE SAYS IF THERE'S ANY WESTERN INTERVENTION, THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD QUOTE "SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES". ASSAD MADE NO INDICATION OF STEPPING-DOWN TO END THE 19 MONTH CONFLICT, VOWING TO "LIVE AND DIE IN SYRIA".

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/14/12 REPORTED... IS THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE BRINK OF WAR? ISRAEL LAUNCHES ONE OF ITS MOST FEROCIOUS ATTACKS ON GAZA. ISRAELI MILITARY HIT AT LEAST 20 TARGETS TODAY, ONE OF THEM A PINPOINT AIR STRIKE THAT KILLED A HAMAS COMMANDER. ISRAEL SAYS IT'S IN-RESPONSE TO THE REPEATED ROCKET ATTACKS BY PALESTINIAN MILITANTS IN GAZA. TEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND DOZENS INJURED TODAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/20/12 REPORTED... THERE WAS LOTS OF HOPE TODAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AS REPORTS OF A TRUCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS, THE MILITANT ORGANIZATION THAT RULES THE GAZA STRIP. BUT THAT HOPE QUICKLY FADED, AS THE REGION SAW SOME OF THE HEAVIEST SHELLING YET. JUST IN THE LAST FEW HOURS, ISRAEL LAUNCHED AN AGGRESSIVE MISSILE ASSAULT ON GAZA CITY. THEY SAY IT'S IN RESPONSE TO THE ROCKET ATTACKS BY HAMAS. SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON CUT HER ASIA TRIP WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA SHORT TO FLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO HELP BROKER A TRUCE. SHE JUST WRAPPED-UP A MEETING WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER "BENJAMIN NETANYAHU" IN JERUSALEM. AND LATER TODAY, SHE WILL MEET WITH PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT "MAHMOUD ABBAS", AND THEN FLY TO EGYPT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT "MOHAMMAD MORSI", WHO IS MEDIATING THESE PEACE TALKS. BUT RIGHT NOW, NO SIGN THAT A DEAL IS EVEN CLOSE. BESIDES A CEASE FIRE, HAMAS WANTS SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS EASED AT THE GAZA BORDER. ISRAEL IS DEMANDING A LONG TERM AGREEMENT, AND SAYS IF A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION IS NOT REACHED, THEY ARE READY FOR A GROUND WAR. PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA ARE CLOSELY WATCHING THESE DEVELOPMENTS UNFOLD. FOR THAT, LET'S CHECK IN WITH N-B-C BAY AREA'S JODI HERNANDEZ, LIVE IN EMERYVILLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/20/12 REPORTED... A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY IS REACTING WITH SHOCK AFTER A 21-YEAR OLD MAN WAS ARRESTED AND ACCUSED OF BEING PART OF A HOME-GROWN TERROR PLOT. 21-YEAR OLD *MIGUEL SANTANA* LIVED WITH HIS PARENTS IN A DUPLEX IN UPLAND...ABOUT 30 MILES EAST OF L-A. NEARBY RESIDENTS SAY FBI AGENTS WHO ARRIVED ON FRIDAY USED SLEDGEHAMMERS ON THE DOOR. A FORMER SCHOOLMATE DESCRIBED HOW SANTANA HAD GROWN DISTANT SINCE CONVERTING TO ISLAM. A 77-PAGE AFFIDAVIT UNSEALED TODAY INDICATES HE WAS ONE OF FOUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEN WHO BOUGHT TICKETS TO MEXICO LAST THURSDAY, WITH PLANS TO FLY FROM THERE TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY, ULTIMATELY TO TRAIN WITH TERROR GROUPS. THE "COVER STORY" WAS THAT TWO OF THE MEN WERE GOING TO DUBAI AND THEN TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/26/12 REPORTED... AN AMATEUR VIDEO FROM SYRIA CLAIMS TO SHOW REBELS TAKING OVER A HELICOPTER AIR BASE NEAR DAMASCUS. THE ACTIVISTS SAY THEY WERE ABLE TO SEIZE BOXES OF AMMUNITION FROM DEFEATED SOLDIERS.THE AIR-BASE IS ABOUT TEN-MILES FROM THE CAPITOL CITY OF DAMASCUS, AND A SIGN THAT THE REBELS ARE SLOWLY SQUEEZING GOVERNMENT FORCES OUT OF THE AREA. IT'S BELIEVED THIS IS THE SECOND MILITARY BASE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DAMASCUS TO FALL TO THE REBELS THIS MONTH.

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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report Fourth Quarter December 2012

KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/3/12 REPORTED...TOUGH TIMES AT A BAY AREA BIO-TECH COMPANY. THE COMPANY, GERON, BASED IN MENLO PARK, SAYS IT WILL CUT FORTY PERCENT OF ITS WORK FORCE, OR ABOUT 45 PEOPLE. THE MOVE COMES AS THE COMPANY DISCONTINUES PROGRESS ON ITS DRUG TO TREAT BRAIN CANCER. APPARENTLY TRIALS ON THE DRUG WERE NOT GOING AS WELL AS HOPED. GERON STOCK FELL MORE THAN 20 PERCENT IN AFTER HOURS TRADING TONIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...LOCKING IN A DEAL TO GET EXCLUSIVE FIRST RIGHTS TO NEW DISNEY RELEASES, THAT'S SOMETHING NO HOLLYWOOD STUDIO HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO BEFORE. NOW, "THAT" DEAL DOESN'T START UNTIL 2016, BUT THE DEAL ALSO BRINGS SOME OF THE OLDER DISNEY MOVIES BACK TO NETFLIX STARTING NOW. SHARES OF NETFLIX STOCK MOVED HIGHER BY MORE THAN FOURTEEN PERCENT ON THE NEWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...ONE OF THE BAY AREA'S NEWER NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORES COULD BE SHUTTING ITS DOORS. BRITISH OWNED "FRESH AND EASY" CAME TO THE BAY AREA JUST TWO YEARS AGO. THE COMPANY SAYS ITS STORES HAVE NOT PERFORMED AS WELL AS EXPECTED. THEY ARE NOW DECIDING WHETHER TO CLOSE THE SUPERMARKET, SELL IT, OR FIND A PARTNER. "FRESH AND EASY" HAS 19 STORES IN THE BAY AREA, WHICH EMPLOY ABOUT 500 PEOPLE. THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL MAKE A DECISION BY APRIL, BUT UNTIL THEN, IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/7/12 REPORTED...BUT A STUDY RELEASED BY THE BAY AREA COUNCIL SAYS FOR EVERY TECH JOB CREATED, THREE "OTHER" NON-TECH JOBS ARE CREATED. THESE COULD BE RESTAURANT JOBS, HOTEL JOBS, SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND SO ON. THE STUDY SHOWS THE THREE FOR ONE RATIO HOLDS UP IN COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THE BAY AREA AS WELL. WE GET THAT NEWS ON THE SAME DAY WE FIND OUT THAT AMERICA'S JOBLESS RATE FELL FROM 7.9 PERCENT TO 7.7 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/18/12 REPORTED...ACCORDING TO DRAFT REGULATIONS PUT OUT TODAY BY CALIFORNIA'S DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES...OR 'DOGGR', ALL OIL AND GAS COMPANIES THAT PLAN TO USE UNDERGROUND HYDRAULIC FRACTURING TO GET AT OIL WILL HAVE TO PRE-TEST THE WELLS THAT THEY PLAN TO USE, HAVE TO GIVE THE STATE 10 DAY NOTICE BEFORE THEY BEGIN FRACKING. THE STATE WILL THEN PUBLISH THE LOCATIONS PUBLICLY AT LEAST 3 DAYS AHEAD OF TIME ON A PRIVATELY RUN WEBSITE CALLED FRAC FOCUS. UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS OIL AND GAS COMPANIES WILL ALSO HAVE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT FRACKING WELL LOCATIONS, DEPTH AND TYPES OF CHEMICALS USED, AND GIVE STATE REGULATORS 24 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALLOW THEM TO WITNESS THE FRACKING OPERATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/18/12 REPORTED...NEW FINANCIAL SCRUTINY ON CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. IN A NEW REPORT, THE STATE CONTROLLER FOUND THE AGENCY OVERPAID MORE THAN 200 STATE EMPLOYEES BY MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. THE REPORT ALSO CLAIMS PARKS AND REC MANAGERS DELIBERATELY IGNORED STATE POLICIES. THE FINDINGS FOLLOW A SCATHING REPORT LAST SUMMER THAT UNCOVERED 54-MILLION DOLLARS HIDDEN AND UNUSED, WHILE DOZENS OF PARKS FACED CLOSURE. A PARKS AND REC SPOKESPERSON SAID CHANGES ARE UNDERWAY IN REACTION TO THE REPORT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/12 REPORTED...HEWLETT-PACKARD NOT MAKING MANY FRIENDS LATELY. JUST TODAY, IN FACT, A SHAREHOLDER LAWSUIT WAS FILED "AGAINST" HP CLAIMING THE PALO ALTO TECH GIANT IS COVERING UP ITS OWN MISTAKES WHEN IT COMES TO THE 8.8 BILLION DOLLAR WRITE-DOWN RELATED TO ITS BUYOUT OF AUTONOMY SOFTWARE. NO COMMENT FROM H-P.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/12 REPORTED...GOOD NEWS ON THE JOBS FRONT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS, CALIFORNIA'S JOBLESS RATE HAS DIPPED BELOW TEN PERCENT. THE 9.8 PERCENT RATE IS DOWN FROM 10.1 PERCENT IN OCTOBER. STRONG HOLIDAY HIRING BY RETAILERS HELPED BRING THE NUMBER DOWN...A BRIGHT SPOT SINCE ECONOMISTS PREDICTED DOUBLE DIGIT UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH 2013. WHILE THE NEWS IS UPLIFTING, CALIFORNIA STILL LAGS BEHIND THE NATIONAL RATE OF 7.7 PERCENT AND NEARLY 400,000 PEOPLE COULD LOSE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS NEXT MONTH IF CONGRESS DOESN'T AVOID THE FISCAL CLIFF.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/12 REPORTED...CHEVRON SAYS THE BAY AREA WILL BE LOSING 800 JOBS...ABOUT A QUARTER OF ITS CURRENT SAN RAMON BASED HEADQUARTERS STAFF. THE COMPANY SENT AN EMAIL TO EMPLOYEES ANNOUNCING THE TECH POSITIONS WILL BE MOVED TO HOUSTON OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE JOBS THAT WILL MOVE COME FROM FIVE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN CHEVRON DEALING WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ADVANCED ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. CHEVRON'S CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS WILL REMAIN IN SAN RAMON; ABOUT 3500 PEOPLE WORK THERE.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/5/12 REPORTED...THE SONOMA CHICKEN COOP, LIKE MANY DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE RESTAURANTS, EXPECTED BUSINESS TO SLOW TO A CRAWL WHEN THE NHL LOCKOUT HIT IN SEPTEMBER, BUT FOR NOW, AT LEAST, THINGS ARE STILL COOKING. THAT'S BAD NEWS FOR THE SHARKS, BUT DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IS STILL CLEANING UP, STAYING STRONG WITHOUT HOCKEY. THE CHICKEN COOP SAYS SINCE THE LOCKOUT, TRAFFIC HAS DROPPED BY ABOUT TWO PERCENT; A LOT BETTER THAN EARLY PROJECTIONS. BUSINESS HERE HAS BEEN HELPED BY A STRONG TECH INDUSTRY CREATING NEW JOBS, AN IMPROVED HOUSING MARKET CREATING LOCAL DEMAND AND A STEADY STREAM OF CONCERTS COMING TO SAN JOSE ARENA WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS. AS BUSINESS HERE INCREASES, BUSINESS 'HERE' INCREASES, TOO. AND, IF YOU MISS HOCKEY SEARCH NO MORE. BULLS HOCKEY... IT'S COMING TO THE ARENA. ON DECEMBER 17TH, THE MINOR LEAGUE BULLS WILL PLAY IN THE BIG HOUSE, TO HELP TOYS FOR TOTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/5/12 REPORTED...IF YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING, HOW ABOUT A SUPER-PREMIUM GIFT CARD FROM STARBUCKS? THE 450- DOLLAR GIFT CARD IS MADE OF STAINLESS STEEL. ONLY 5-THOUSAND WILL BE MADE, AND WILL INCLUDE A "GOLD LEVEL" STARBUCKS MEMBERSHIP. WHAT'S GOLD LEVEL YOU ASK? APPARENTLY YOU GET SOME FREEBIE GIFTS AND REFILLS ON BREWED COFFEE AND TEA. THE CARDS GO ON SALE FRIDAY AND ARE ONLY AVAILABLE

THROUGH THE LUXURY WEBSITE, "GILT". JUST TO GET AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH COFFEE 450 DOLLARS BUYS, THE GIFT CARD WILL GET YOU 106- LARGE FRAPPUCINOS OR 205- BREWED LARGE COFFEES, BEFORE TAX.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...IT'S A CHEMICAL THAT WAS BANNED FROM CHILDREN'S PAJAMAS BECAUSE OF A LINK TO CANCER AND DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS. BUT NOW THAT SAME CHEMICAL IS TURNING UP IN POPULAR BABY AND CHILDREN'S ITEMS, AND AT LEAST ONE MAJOR STORE IS STOPPING SALES OF THOSE PRODUCTS IN CALIFORNIA. THE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN OAKLAND TESTED CRIB MATTRESSES, CHANGING PADS, NAP MATS, AND OTHER FOAM FILLED PRODUCTS. THEY SAY THEY FOUND SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF CHLORINATED TRISS. CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES STORES AND MAKERS TO CLEARLY POST WARNINGS ON OR NEAR PRODUCTS CONTAINING THIS CHEMICAL. IT'S COMMONLY USED AS A FLAME RETARDANT. C-E-H ANNOUNCED TODAY IT IS TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST STORES INCLUDING KMART, TARGET, AND BABIES R US BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH THE LAW. OUR INVESTIGATIVE UNIT LOOKED INTO THE C-E-H CLAIMS-- VICKY NGUYEN IS HERE NOW WITH MORE--AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT STARTED ASKING QUESTIONS. VICKY?

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/17/12 REPORTED...THERE ARE MORE QUESTIONS TONIGHT ABOUT A GUN SHOP ABOUT TO OPEN IN LOS GATOS. THE TIMING IS CHALLENGING TO SAY THE LEAST. TEMPLAR SPORTS IS LOCATED ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE. THE SPORTING GOODS STORE PLANS TO SELL FIREARMS AND FISHING GEAR WHEN IT OPENS...LIKELY EARLY NEXT YEAR. ONE LOCAL RESIDENT -- IS CONCERNED THE GUN SHOP MAY SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE TO KIDS, AND MAY ENCOURAGE YOUNG ADULTS TO BUY GUNS. SHE WANTS THE PUBLIC TO HAVE MORE SAY IN WHICH BUSINESSES ARE ALLOWED. VERONICA SAYS SHE IS PROTESTING THE STORE BY WALKING AROUND LOS GATOS WEARING AN ANTI-GUN T-SHIRT. WE TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO CONTACT THE STORE OWNERS BUT THEY DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR REQUESTS FOR COMMENT. THE PUBLIC WILL GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT THE GUN SHOP AT A MEETING TONIGHT AT 7 THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/17/12 REPORTED...THE TABLET COMPUTING REVOLUTION IS HERE, LED BY THE APPLE IPAD. IN FULL-SIZE AND NOW MINI VERSIONS, RETAILERS EXPECT APPLE TO SELL CLOSE TO 100 MILLION IPADS OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS. ON TOP OF THAT, MILLIONS OF IPAD 'CASES' ARE SELLING AS WELL AND THAT'S WHERE THIS ONE CASE COMES IN. IT'S CALLED "FASTCASE," AND IT CLAIMS TO BOOST THE SPEED OF YOUR IPAD BY AS MUCH AS TENFOLD, AS COMPARED TO OTHER CASES, LIKE THE APPLE 'SMARTCASE.' FASTCASE SAYS IT CAN DO THIS BY LETTING YOUR IPAD PERFORM TO ITS TRUE POTENTIAL. BUT FASTCASE CLAIMS IT CAN PROTECT YOU, AND YOUR IPAD, WITHOUT SLOWING DOWN ITS PERFORMANCE. SO WE PUT THE FASTCASE TO THE TEST, VERSUS APPLE'S OWN 'SMARTCASE.' FIRST OFF, WE SHOULD MENTION, THERE'S NOT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE WHEN IT COMES TO WI-FI. IF YOU HAVE A GOOD SIGNAL THERE, YOU'RE MOVING WELL. BUT WITH A CELLULAR CONNECTION, WE DID SEE A DIFFERENCE. NOT 10 TIMES WORTH, BUT THE IPAD WITH THE FASTCASE WAS AS MUCH AS FOUR TIMES AS FAST. THAT'S FASTER DOWNLOADING OF GAMES, APPS, AND THE 'NET ITSELF. WORTH THE 100 DOLLAR PRICE TAG? THAT'S YOUR QUICK DECISION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/18/12 REPORTED...NOW TO NEW DETAILS ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S GUN CONTROL EFFORT. A STATE SENATOR FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROPOSES BLOCKING EASY ACCESS TO BULLETS-- INSTEAD OF GUNS. STATE SENATOR "KEVIN DE LEÓN" OUTLINED A PLAN TODAY, MANDATING BACKGROUND-CHECKS FOR ANYONE BUYING AMMUNITION. IT WOULD ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO BUY A 50-DOLLAR *PURCHASE PERMIT*, VALID FOR ONE YEAR, PENDING THAT BACKGROUND CHECK. DE LEÓN SAYS CALIFORNIA REQUIRES LICENSES TO HUNT AND FISH-- YOU EVEN HAVE TO HAVE A PERMIT TO CUT DOWN A CHRISTMAS TREE, SO WHY NOT AMMUNITION? CALIFORNIA'S 2009 LAW

MANDATING THAT BUYERS OF HAND-GUN AMMUNITION BE FINGERPRINTED IS STILL TIED-UP IN COURT. THAT LAW ALSO BANNED HAND-GUN AMMO SALES ONLINE OR THROUGH MAIL ORDER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/18/12 REPORTED... A POPULAR PHOTO SHARING SITE LEARNED THE HARD WAY ABOUT THE POWER OF CROWDS. AFTER CHANGING ITS TERMS OF SERVICE TO MENTION THAT IT MIGHT SELL YOUR PHOTOS, INSTAGRAM TOOK ALL KINDS OF HEAT, AND THEN BACKTRACKED, SAYING IT WILL 'NOT' SELL YOUR PHOTOS. STAY TUNED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/20/12 REPORTED... PIPELINE UPGRADES IN THE WAKE OF THE SAN BRUNO EXPLOSION TWO YEARS AGO ARE GOING TO COST YOU. P-G AND E IS RAISING RATES TO COVER NEARLY 300- MILLION DOLLARS OF REPAIRS. CALIFORNIA REGULATORS APPROVED THE INCREASE TO HELP PAY FOR PIPELINE INSPECTIONS AND UPGRADE COSTS. IT'S LESS THAN WHAT P-G AND E WANTED. THE INCREASED RATE WILL COME OUT TO ABOUT A 1- AND HALF PERCENT INCREASE TO YOUR BILL. THE BLAST IN 2010 KILLED EIGHT PEOPLE AND DESTROYED 38- HOMES. THE TOTAL COST OF IMPROVEMENTS HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT 2- BILLION DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/24/12 REPORTED...SPEAKING OF SHOPPING, A NEW GENERATION OF MANNEQUINS THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE TRACKING YOUR EVERY MOVE. AN ITALIAN COMPANY DESIGNED A MANNEQUIN WITH A CAMERA BEHIND ONE EYE. THE CAMERA CAN TRACK AGE, RACE, WHAT PEOPLE BUY, HOW LONG THEY LINGER AT DISPLAYS, AND EVEN WHETHER A CUSTOMER HAS BEEN IN THE STORE BEFORE. SOME RETAILERS CALL IT A GREAT WAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR CLIENTS, BUT SOME SHOPPERS ARE DISTURBED BY THE IDEA. THE COMPANY HAS ONLY SOLD A FEW DOZEN OF THE MANNEQUINS IN THE U.S.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/28/12 REPORTED... IT APPEARS THE POPULAR PHOTO SHARING APP INSTAGRAM ...MAY BE LOSING SOME OF ITS APPEAL. NEW NUMBERS SHOW THE APP HAS LOST NEARLY 25 PERCENT OF ITS USERS...SINCE CHANGING ITS TERMS OF SERVICE ON DECEMBER 17TH. MANY USERS ACCUSED THE COMPANY OF TRYING TO CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF USERS PHOTOS. INSTAGRAM RETURNED TO ITS OLD POLICY... BUT IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ENOUGH. DESPITE THE DROP IN USERS THE FACEBOOK-OWNED COMPANY IS STILL THE SECOND MOST POPULAR APP.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...FUGITIVE SOFTWARE PIONEER, JOHN MCAFEE, HAS SURFACED IN GUATEMALA, THE FIRST TIME HE'S BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC IN WEEKS, AND SAYS HE WILL PETITION THAT GOVERNMENT FOR ASYLUM. MCAFEE, FOUNDER OF THE "ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE COMPANY" THAT BEARS HIS NAME, CLAIMS HE FEARS PERSECUTION; AND EVEN DEATH IN BELIZE. MCAFEE DISAPPEARED LAST MONTH IN BELIZE, AFTER HIS NEIGHBOR WAS FOUND SHOT AND KILLED. POLICE IN BELIZE HAVE NOT LABELED MCAFEE A SUSPECT, THEY SAY ONLY THAT THEY WANT TO QUESTION HIM. MCAFEE INSISTS LEADERSHIP IN BELIZE IS CORRUPT, AND HE'S HIRED A PROMINENT GUATEMALAN LAWYER TO ASSIST HIM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...THE DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE, KATE MIDDLETON, CONTINUES TO RECOVER FROM A SEVERE FORM OF MORNING SICKNESS. PRINCE WILLIAM WAS SEEN VISITING HIS WIFE WHO SPENT A SECOND DAY IN A LONDON HOSPITAL FOR ACUTE MORNING SICKNESS. SHE IS LESS THAN 12- WEEKS ALONG AND SPECULATION IS THAT SHE COULD BE CARRYING TWINS BECAUSE OF THE TYPE OF ILLNESS SHE IS EXPERIENCING. THE MOM-TO-BE IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A FEW MORE DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...THE DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE IS HOME TONIGHT, RESTING AFTER SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS IN A LONDON HOSPITAL FOR SEVERE MORNING SICKNESS. KATE MIDDLETON SPENT NEARLY 4- DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL. SHE LEFT WITH PRINCE WILLIAM BY HER SIDE. HER RELEASE COMES AS THE WORLD IS STILL TALKING ABOUT A PRANK BY TWO AUSTRALIAN DJ'S WHO MANAGED TO CALL THE HOSPITAL, PRETENDING TO BE THE QUEEN. THEY HAVE SINCE APOLOGIZED FOR THE PRANK. THE PALACE HAS NOT SAID MUCH ABOUT KATE'S PREGNANCY, BUT CONFIRMED SHE'S IN THE EARLY STAGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/10/12 REPORTED...THE NEVADA WOMAN WHO SURVIVED FOR SIX DAYS IN THE SIERRA IS SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE DETAILS OF HER ORDEAL. 46-YEAR-OLD PAULA LANE AND HER BOYFRIEND, RODERICK CLIFTON WERE STRANDED ON NOVEMBER 29TH, WHEN THE JEEP THEY WERE IN GOT STUCK IN MUD ON A BARRICADED BACK ROAD. THEY SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE CAR, AND THEN CLIFTON DECIDED TO TRY AND FIND HELP ALONE. LANE TOLD THE TODAY SHOW THAT SHE ASKED HIM TO STAY, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN...LANE ALSO SAID SHE MADE SOCKS OUT OF KLEENEX AND MASKING TAPE, AND SURVIVED OFF GREEN TOMATOES AND SNOW UNTIL HER BROTHER FOUND HER. SHE IS NOW RECOVERING FROM A MINOR CASE OF FROSTBITE AT A CARSON CITY HOSPITAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/12 REPORTED...LET'S START WITH THE OPTIMISTIC SIDE. PROSTATE CANCER HAS ABOUT A 97% CURE RATE - IF CAUGHT EARLY - AND IT SOUNDS LIKE - IN THE GOVERNOR'S CASE, THEY HAVE. THE CDC SAYS PROSTATE CANCERS IS THE MOST COMMON CANCER IN MEN. TREATMENT CAN VARY - BUT THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESMAN SAYS BROWN IS RECEIVING A 'SHORT COURSE OF CONVENTIONAL RADIO- THERAPY' FOR LOCALIZED CANCER. THE FACT THAT DOCTOR'S SAY IT IS A 'LOCALIZED' CANCER IS VERY GOOD NEWS - IT IS MUCH MORE TREATABLE. BROWN'S ONCOLOGIST IS DR. ERIC SMALL OF U-C SAN FRANCISCO - AND HE SAYS "THE PROGNOSIS IS EXCELLENT" - AND THEY "DO NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT SIDE AFFECTS". IT IS COMMON TO HAVE TREATMENTS 5 TIMES PER WEEK - FOR 4 TO 5 WEEKS. GOVERNOR BROWN'S STAFF EXPECTS HIS TREATMENT TO BE COMPLETE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7TH. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE - THIS IS THE GOVERNOR'S SECOND BOUT WITH CANCER. YOU WILL REMEMBER HE HAD A CANCEROUS GROWTH REMOVED FROM HIS NOSE IN THE SPRING OF 2011. FROM WHAT WE ARE TOLD THE GOVERNOR IS MAINTAINING A FULL WORK LOAD AND ASIDE FOR THE TREATMENT SESSIONS - HE IS GOING ABOUT AS USUAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/18/12 REPORTED...THE WOMAN ACCUSED OF ABANDONING HER NEWBORN BABY AFTER GIVING BIRTH ON A RAINY BAYVIEW SIDEWALK LAST WEEK HAS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHILD CRUELTY AND NEGLECT. PROSECUTORS SAY 39-YEAR OLD NNEKA NASH APPROACHED A SHELTER WITH THE BABY, BUT BOLTED WHEN A WORKER SAW SHE WAS BLEEDING AND CALLED 9-1-1. SHE LEFT THE BABY WITH A MAN ON A STREETCORNER. SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS ANSWERING THE 9-1-1 CALL REVIVED THE BABY AND SAVED HIS LIFE. NASH WAS DESCRIBED AS DEFIANT IN COURT TODAY, AFTER THE JUDGE WARNED HER TO STAY AWAY FROM THE BABY. SHE DEMANDED TO KNOW WHEN SHE'LL BE RELEASED FROM JAIL. HER BAIL IS SET AT 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/24/12 REPORTED...NEW INFORMATION SHOWS NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF KIDS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES ARE BULLIED BY FELLOW CLASSMATES. THE STUDY OUT OF MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW YORK FOUND KIDS HAD BEEN BULLIED SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR ALLERGY. MOST OF THE TORMENTING TOOK PLACE AT SCHOOL. KIDS SAID THEIR PEERS THREATENED TO TAINT THEIR LUNCHES WITH THE ALLERGY CAUSING FOOD. AMONG KIDS WHO WERE BULLIED, THOSE WHO TOLD THEIR PARENTS HAD A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE. RESEARCHERS SAY MORE EDUCATION TO UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF ALLERGIES MIGHT HELP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/25/12 REPORTED...A MEMBER OF THE ALPINE MEADOWS SKI RESORT TEAM HAS DIED A DAY AFTER GETTING CAUGHT IN AN

AVALANCHE. BILL FOSTER WAS SKIING IN THE SHERWOOD BOWL YESTERDAY WHEN SKI PATROLLERS INTENTIONALLY SET OFF THE AVALANCHE AS PART OF ROUTINE SNOW SAFETY MAINTENANCE. FOSTER WAS ON THE ALPINE SKI PATROL TEAM FOR 28 YEARS. HE WAS THE SECOND MAN TO DIE THIS WEEK AFTER BEING CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE. A SNOWBOARDER DIED YESTERDAY AFTER BEING CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE AT DONNER SKI RANCH. HE WAS BURIED IN THE SNOW FOR FIVE HOURS BEFORE BEING FOUND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/25/12 REPORTED...DOCTORS SAY SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON IS MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF A BLOOD CLOT FORCED HER TO BE HOSPITALIZED AGAIN. CLINTON WILL STAY IN THE HOSPITAL THROUGH WEDNESDAY AND DOCTORS PREDICT A FULLY RECOVERY. DOCTORS BELIEVE THE BLOOD CLOT IS THE RESULT OF A CONCUSSION THAT SIDELINED CLINTON EARLIER THIS MONTH. SHE IS SAID TO BE IN GOOD SPIRITS. THE NEWS COMES ON THE SAME DAY A NEW GALLUP POLL SHOWS SECRETARY CLINTON TOPPED A LIST OF THE MOST ADMIRER WOMEN OF THE WORLD. IT IS THE 11TH YEAR IN A ROW SHE WON THE HONOR.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/3/12 REPORTED... POLICE IN SAN JOSE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE TEENAGER WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE CITY'S 43RD HOMICIDE OF THE YEAR. IT HAPPENED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF WEST SAN CARLOS STREET AND LINCOLN AVENUE, AROUND 11:30 FRIDAY NIGHT. THE VICTIM IS 17-YEAR OLD DANIEL CAPETILLO POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR HIS KILLER AND BELIEVE IT IS GANG RELATED. THE 43 HOMICIDES IN SAN JOSE THIS YEAR IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER IN 15 YEARS. MEANTIME, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING THE PUBLIC A "VOICE" IN PICKING THE CITY'S NEXT CHIEF. TONIGHT, THERE'S A PUBLIC MEETING AT THE "MAYFAIR COMMUNITY CENTER" AT 6:30 P-M. IN SEPTEMBER, CURRENT CHIEF, 51-YEAR-OLD CHRIS MOORE, ANNOUNCED HE WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF JANUARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/3/12 REPORTED... THE 14-YEAR-OLD VALLEJO BOY ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING A WOMAN, RAPING HER, AND THEN DUMPING HER BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO ALL CHARGES IN COURT TODAY. THESE ARE PICTURES FROM THE CRIME SCENES. THE SUSPECT --- "CAVIAR KING" ---- HAS BEEN CHARGED AS AN ADULT, AND IS BEING HELD ON 4-AND-A-HALF MILLION DOLLARS BAIL FOR THE CRIMES THAT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 15TH. THE CHARGES RANGE FROM: ATTEMPTED MURDER, TORTURE, KIDNAPPING, TO CARJACKING AND RAPE. THE VICTIM IS A 65 YEARS OLD WOMAN. KING'S PRELIMINARY HEARING IS SET FOR JANUARY 18TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE NEED YOUR HELP IN IDENTIFYING A WOMAN WHO STOLE MONEY FROM ANOTHER PERSON'S BANK ACCOUNT BY "IMPERSONATING" THE CUSTOMER. THESE ARE SURVEILLANCE PHOTOS FROM THE WELLS FARGO BANK IN DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW. THE ID THEFT HAPPENED BACK IN SEPTEMBER. THE WOMAN IN THE PHOTOS MADE MULTIPLE UNAUTHORIZED WITHDRAWALS TALLING MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE ACCOUNT. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT POSTED THE PICTURES ON ITS FACEBOOK PAGE AND IS ASKING FOR USERS TO "SHARE" THE POST TO HELP TRACK DOWN THE SUSPECT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/5/12 REPORTED...IN BERKELEY, POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING DEATH THAT KILLED A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN WHO WAS RIDING HER BIKE AT THE TIME. POLICE RECEIVED THE REPORT ABOUT 11:30 LAST NIGHT OF A WOMAN AND BIKE DOWN ON DERBY, NEAR SACRAMENTO STREET. AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT SHE'D CRASHED INTO SOMETHING, BUT SOON REALIZED SHE'D BEEN SHOT AND KILLED. POLICE SAY SHE WAS IN HER LATE 40S OR EARLY FIFTIES. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED ON THE SIDEWALK, JUST OUTSIDE LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL. POLICE AREN'T RULING-OUT ROBBERY AS A

MOTIVE, AND ARE REVIEWING THEIR RECORDS TO SEE IF THEY'VE RECEIVED REPORTS OF CRIMES AGAINST OTHER BICYCLISTS. THIS IS BERKELEY'S FOURTH HOMICIDE OF THE YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/7/12 REPORTED...HE WAS CAUGHT ON CAMERA, BUT HE GOT AWAY WITH THE CASH. SAN MATEO POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THIS MAN TONIGHT. THEY SAY HE ROBBED A BANK YESTERDAY MORNING ON EL CAMINO REAL. THE SECURITY CAMERAS AT CHASE BANK GOT GOOD IMAGES OF THE SUSPECT. HE'S IN HIS 30'S WHITE, UNSHAVEN, ABOUT SIX FEET TALL, WEARING BLUE RUNNING PANTS AND A LIGHT COLORED BASEBALL CAP. OFFICERS WON'T SAY HOW MUCH MONEY HE GOT AWAY WITH, BUT THEY'RE HOPING SOMEONE WHO RECOGNIZES HIM -- WILL CALL THEM WITH INFORMATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/10/12 REPORTED...SAN PABLO POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE GUNMAN IN A DOUBLE HOMICIDE. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 1 YESTERDAY MORNING NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF POWELL STREET AND MARKET AVENUE. POLICE SAY WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEY FOUND A MAN AND WOMAN DEAD, BOTH 30 YEARS OLD. A FOUR YEAR OLD CHILD, FOUND NEARBY, IS BEING CARED FOR BY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. INVESTIGATORS ARE NOT RELEASING ANY MORE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME, INCLUDING WHETHER THE TWO MURDER VICTIMS WERE THE CHILD'S PARENTS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS URGED TO CALL SAN PABLO POLICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/11/12 REPORTED...A SLEDGEHAMMER WAS HOW BURGLARS GOT INTO THE MACY'S STORE IN WALNUT CREEK OVER NIGHT. POLICE SAY THEY BROKE INTO THE STORE AT *BROADWAY PLAZA* I JUST AFTER THREE-A-M. THEY ALSO USED THE SLEDGEHAMMER TO SMASH GLASS DISPLAY CASES, FILLED WITH JEWELRY AND HIGH-END WATCHES. THEY SET-OFF THE BURGLAR ALARM, WHICH ALERTED MACY'S SECURITY. WALNUT CREEK POLICE WERE NOTIFIED ABOUT AN-HOUR LATER. THE THIEVES WERE LONG-GONE, BUT INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY HAVE LOTS OF SURVEILLANCE VIDEO TO EXAMINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/13/12 REPORTED...PLEASANTON POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO MAY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO ROB SEVERAL EAST BAY PHARMACIES. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE RITE AID PHARMACY ON HOP-YARD ROAD AROUND 12:30 TODAY. POLICE SAY A MAN GAVE A PHARMACY EMPLOYEE A NOTE SAYING HE HAD A GUN AND WANTED A DRUG MADE FROM OPIATES. A SIMILAR ROBBERY ATTEMPT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WHEN A MAN ENTERED THE "LUCKY PHARMACY" ON WEST LAS POSITAS BOULEVARD AND ISSUED THE SAME DEMAND. IN BOTH CASES, HE LEFT WITHOUT GETTING ANY DRUGS. POLICE BELIEVE THE SUSPECT IS THE SAME PERSON. THEY SAY HE MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED IN SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN DUBLIN AND LIVERMORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/12 REPORTED...AN EARLY MORNING ARMED ROBBERY ENDED IN A FIERY CRASH IN ANTIOCH. THIS WAS ON HIGHWAY 4 NEAR TREGALLAS ROAD. THE CRASH HAPPENED MOMENTS AFTER AN ARMED ROBBERY AT THE BONFARE MARKET JUST BEFORE 1AM. THEY ARRESTED A 22 YEAR OLD MAN AFTER A BRIEF STRUGGLE. HE'S ACCUSED OF ARMED ROBBERY AND ASSAULT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/27/12 REPORTED...NEW AT SIX... SEVERAL BUSINESS OWNERS IN EAST OAKLAND ARE FED-UP TONIGHT AFTER VANDALS HIT THEIR BUSINESSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY. SEVERAL STORE-WINDOWS ON FRUITVALE AVENUE WERE SMASHED-- AND INVESTIGATORS HOPE WITNESSES WILL CONTACT THEM. ONE OF THE DAMAGED BUILDINGS HOUSES ROSA'S HAIR SALON. THE OWNER SAYS BEFORE THIS HAPPENED, SHE WAS ALREADY FRUSTRATED WITH THE GRAFFITI SHE HAS TO CLEAN UP ON A DAILY BASIS. NOT ALL THE DAMAGE WAS TO STOREFRONTS, ONE OF THE BUSINESSES ALSO HAD THE WINDOW OF ONE OF ITS VEHICLES SMASHED AS WELL.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO DAYS, A CALIFORNIA FEDERAL JUDGE ADDRESSED THE STATE'S HISTORIC LAW ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION THERAPY. THE LAW IS THE FIRST IN THE NATION TO BAN SO-CALLED "CONVERSION THERAPY" FOR HOMOSEXUAL MINORS. IN TODAY'S RULING, A DISTRICT JUDGE IN SACRAMENTO RULED THE BAN CAN TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY FIRST. THIS FOLLOWS YESTERDAY'S RULING, BY A DIFFERENT JUDGE, GRANTING SPECIFIC PERMISSION TO TWO MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS AND A FORMER PATIENT TO CONTINUE THEIR THERAPY. ULTIMATELY THEY'RE EXPECTED TO SEEK TO OVERTURN THE LAW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...HOW EACH CALIFORNIA COUNTY DEALS WITH UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS IS UP TO THE COUNTY. THAT'S THE DIRECTIVE TODAY FROM STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, KAMALA HARRIS. AS THE STATE'S TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, SHE ISSUED A BULLETIN TODAY, SAYING WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUESTS "IMMIGRATION HOLDS" ON INDIVIDUALS, THOSE ARE QUOTE-- "REQUESTS, NOT COMMANDS". THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT SUSPECTS IN CRIMES WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED BE DETAINED AS PART OF THE *SECURE COMMUNITIES* PROGRAM. SOME BAY AREA POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE SAID THEY WANT TO STOP HONORING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION DETENTION REQUESTS IN CASES INVOLVING LOW-LEVEL CRIMES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...STUDENTS AT CAL WANT THE SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS BANNED FROM CAMPUS. THEY SAY THE SALVATION ARMY IS BIASED TOWARDS HOMOSEXUALS. THE GROUP OF STUDENTS, KNOWN AS THE ASUC, PASSED A RESOLUTION LAST MONTH THAT WOULD BLOCK THE ORGANIZATION FROM COLLECTING MONEY WITH THEIR RED KETTLES AND BELLS. THE UNIVERSITY IS LOOKING INTO THE RESOLUTION. MEANWHILE, THE SALVATION ARMY RESPONDED TO THE STUDENTS CLAIMS... IT IS "TOTALLY FALSE" THAT THE ORGANIZATION DISCRIMINATES AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS. THE STATEMENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE ONLY REQUIREMENT TO GET HELP IS TO DEMONSTRATE NEED AND THEIR ABILITY TO MEET IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...MEANWHILE IN WASHINGTON STATE, CHEERING CROWDS GREETED SAME-SEX COUPLES WITH ROSES, AS THEY WALKED OUT OF SEATTLE'S COUNTY BUILDING WITH THEIR MARRIAGE LICENSES. MORE THAN 250 WERE ISSUED TODAY, HOURS AFTER THE VOTER-APPROVED MEASURE WAS SIGNED INTO LAW. THE FIRST COUPLE TO RECEIVE A LICENSE WAS THE LONG-TIME COUPLE WHO FOUNDED THE SEATTLE WOMEN'S CHORUS. BECAUSE OF A MANDATORY THREE-DAY WAITING PERIOD, THE FIRST WEDDING CEREMONIES WILL BE SUNDAY. WASHINGTON IS THE NINTH-STATE TO ALLOW SAME SEX MARRIAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/17/12 REPORTED...A FEDERAL JUDGE IS SET TO HEAR ARGUMENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO FEDERAL COURT OVER WHETHER A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER'S USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IS PROTECTED UNDER THE U-S CONSTITUTION. THE HEARING COMES AFTER A US DISTRICT JUDGE PRELIMINARILY BLOCKED A PART OF PROP 35 THAT REQUIRES REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS TO GIVE AUTHORITIES A LIST OF THEIR INTERNET PROVIDERS AND SCREEN NAMES. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ARGUE THAT IF THE RULING IS UPHOLD IT WOULD RESTRICT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS' RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH, DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION. THE HEARING IS SET FOR MONDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/12 REPORTED...A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT HAS PUT THE BRAKES ON A NEW STATE LAW THAT WOULD BAN ANY ATTEMPT TO MAKE GAY KIDS STRAIGHT. THE LAW THREATENED THERAPISTS WITH PENALTIES FOR OFFERING SERVICES TO CHANGE A MINOR'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE STATE ARGUED THE PRACTICE IS INEFFECTIVE AND DANGEROUS. THE EMERGENCY ORDER WOULD PUT THE LAW ON HOLD UNTIL THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS CAN HEAR FULL ARGUMENTS ON THE ISSUE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/12 REPORTED...FEDERAL AGENTS WILL NO LONGER PICK UP JAILED IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES AND OTHER PETTY CRIMES. THE I-N-S SAYS THE NEW POLICY WILL INSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS FOCUSED ON APPREHENDING FELONS AND REPEAT OFFENDERS. THE POLICY CHANGE IS DRAWING MILD PRAISE FROM SOME CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS...BUT OTHERS ARE CALLING IT WINDOW DRESSING; SAYING MOST UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS ARE DEPORTED WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE COURTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/26/12 REPORTED...46 U-S FAMILIES IN THE MIDDLE OF ADOPTING INFANTS AND CHILDREN FROM RUSSIA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ADOPT THOSE CHILDREN AFTER-ALL. RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN TODAY SUGGESTED HE WOULD SIGN A BILL ... BANNING AMERICANS FROM ADOPTING RUSSIAN CHILDREN. HIS POSITION IS CAUSING TURMOIL EVEN WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY, WHERE MANY SAY CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE POLITICAL PAWNS. RUSSIA HAD MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND CHILDREN LIVING IN "STATE INSTITUTIONS" LAST YEAR. ONLY ABOUT A-THOUSAND WERE ADOPTED BY AMERICAN FAMILIES. PUTIN'S MOVE IS SEEN AS RETALIATION FOR RECENT U-S LEGISLATION, DESIGNED TO PUNISH RUSSIANS INVOLVED IN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...BULLYING IS A GROWING PROBLEM, AND THE SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS HOPING TO FIGHT IT WITH THE HELP OF SOCIAL MEDIA. TODAY, GEORGE GASCON ANNOUNCED THE WINNERS OF THE "BYE BYE BULLYING" VIDEO CONTEST. MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOT THEIR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING AND MADE VIDEOS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT BULLYING. THE CHALLENGE: ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DISCUSS BULLYING MORE OPENLY ... AND DEVELOP EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO IT. 58 VIDEOS WERE SUBMITTED. THEY WERE JUDGED ON PRESENTATION, CREATIVITY, "EDUCATIONAL APPROACH" AND THE ULTIMATE MESSAGE CONVEYED. FIRST PLACE WINNERS RECEIVED AN IPAD ... AND A BASEBALL SIGNED BY BARRY ZITO. THEY CAME FROM ST. IGNASIUS HIGH SCHOOL, THE ACADEMY OF ART AND SCIENCES, AND LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED...NEW TAX MONEY FROM OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESSES MAY SOON BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES HERE IN CALIFORNIA. STATE LAWMAKERS TODAY PROPOSED A PLAN TO BEGIN USING MONEY RAISED BY THE RECENT PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 39. IT INCREASES TAXES ON OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESSES. THE PLAN WOULD USE THE NEW TAX MONEY ON HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING AND LIGHTING UPGRADES IN SOME OF THE OLDEST AND POOREST SCHOOLS IN THE STATE. HALF OF THE MONEY RAISED BY PROPOSITION 39 IS REQUIRED TO GO TOWARD RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/5/12 REPORTED...CALIFORNIA'S ADULT EDUCATION SYSTEM IS IN DIRE NEED OF AN OVERHAUL. THAT'S THE FINDING OF A STATE INVESTIGATION. THE REPORT POINTED TO A HODGEPODGE OF COURSE FEES, ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND FACULTY STANDARDS BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE 28 PAGE DOCUMENT WENT ON TO CALL ADULT EDUCATION "A PROGRAM ADRIFT". THE RECOMMENDATION? STATE LAWMAKERS TAKE ACTION TO MAKE THE SYSTEM MORE ACCOUNTABLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...CALIFORNIA STUDENTS ARE FALLING BEHIND IN READING. THE NATIONS REPORT CARD IS OUT. CALIFORNIA KIDS SCORED 5TH FROM THE BOTTOM IN A STANDARDIZED VOCABULARY TEST. TEST OFFICIALS SAY THAT MASTERING VOCAB IS CRITICAL TO READING COMPREHENSION. WORDS TESTED ARE THOSE THAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL LATER ON IN WRITING. THE TEST

WAS GIVEN TO A RANDOM SAMPLE OF 4TH AND 8TH GRADERS; BOTH SETS COMING IN 9 POINTS BELOW AVERAGE. BUT WHEN BROKEN DOWN BY DEMOGRAPHICS, MINORITY GROUPS ARE SHOWING IMPROVEMENT YEAR OVER YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/11/12 REPORTED...SEX ABUSE 101 SAN JOSE'S EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ADDING A COURSE FOR SOME OF ITS' STUDENTS NEXT YEAR ON HOW ABOUT HOW TO SET BOUNDARIES AND SPEAK UP FOR THEMSELVES IF THEY'RE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE. THE NEW CLASS: THE RESULT OF THE CRAIG CHANDLER CASE. CHANDLER WILL STAND TRIAL NEXT MONTH ON FIVE COUNTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE --- ABUSE THAT ALLEGEDLY HAPPENED IN HIS CLASSROOM AT O-B WHALEY ELEMENTARY. O-B WHALEY'S PRINCIPAL WAS CONVICTED LAST MONTH OF FAILING TO REPORT THE FIVE ALLEGED CASES OF MOLESTATION. EVERGREEN SUPERINTENDENT TELLS US DISTRICT STAFF HAS BEEN RETRAINED ABOUT MANDATORY REPORTING. THE SUPERINTENDENT ALSO SENT HOME A LETTER TO PARENTS, TELLING PARENTS A Y-W-C-A CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY. THE PILOT PROGRAM BEGINS IN JANUARY. PARENTS ARE INVITED TO WORKSHOPS OF THEIR OWN AND MUST GIVE CONSENT FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/17/12 REPORTED... AT STATE EDUCATION HEADQUARTERS IN SACRAMENTO, FLAGS ARE AT HALF-STAFF IN MEMORY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND TEACHERS KILLED IN THE CONNECTICUT SCHOOL SHOOTING. INSIDE THE BUILDING, LEADERS ARE WORKING TO INSURE CALIFORNIA'S TEN-THOUSAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CONCENTRATING ON SAFETY. OVER THE WEEKEND ADMINISTRATORS WERE ORDERED TO REVIEW THEIR SAFETY PLANS. THE *CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION* REPORTS SOME TEACHERS ARE ALSO TRAUMATIZED BY WHAT HAPPENED IN CONNECTICUT. THE UNION IS ADVISING THEM TO REACH-OUT TO THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SUPPORT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/12 REPORTED...MORE BAD NEWS FOR SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE. THE SCHOOL PLANS TO LAY OFF DOZENS OF EMPLOYEES AND SLASH SALARIES, AS IT FIGHTS TO KEEP ITS DOORS OPEN. 34 FULL-TIME CLERICAL WORKERS, 20 TO 30 PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS AND 18 PART-TIME COUNSELORS WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS IN JANUARY. A 4-point-4 PERCENT SALARY CUT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES, AND THE SCHOOL HOPES TO DO THE SAME WITH UNION WORKERS. THE SCHOOL IS UNDER PRESSURE TO REDUCE COSTS TO RETAIN ITS ACCREDITATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/12 REPORTED...FIFTY-ONE NEW COMPUTERS ARRIVED TODAY AT SAN FRANCISCO'S INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ACADEMY. THEY'LL REPLACE COMPUTERS STOLEN FROM THE LIBRARY DURING A PAIR OF RECENT BREAK-INS. EMPLOYEES AT THE MARKETING COMPANY SILVERFOX, POOLED THEIR FUNDS TO BUY THE COMPUTERS. THE COMPANY'S FOUNDER SAYS IT FELT GOOD TO HELP THE STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE SHOOTING IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT. THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL SAYS THE LACK OF COMPUTERS MADE IT HARD FOR SENIORS TO GET ONLINE TO APPLY TO COLLEGES. HE SAYS THE SCHOOL HAS SINCE UPGRADED ITS SECURITY.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/4/12 REPORTED... AND THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WAS OUT AT VINE HILL ROAD AGAIN TODAY TO TRY TO FIGURE-OUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THERE. YOU CAN SEE HALF THE ROAD HAS CRUMBLLED AWAY. THE ROAD IS CLOSED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, ABOUT A-QUARTER MILE FROM HIGHWAY 17. CREWS ARE GOING TO TRY AND MAKE THE ROAD "PASSABLE", BUT THAT MIGHT MEAN REDUCING IT TO ONE-LANE. WE ARE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THIS SITUATION AND THE NEW STORM MOVING INTO THE BAY AREA. WE HAVE FULL WEATHER COVERAGE ON OUR WEBSITE, NBC BAY AREA-DOT-COM. JUST GO TO THE "WEATHER" TAB FOR A

MAP AND RADAR, FOR WHERE YOU LIVE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN-UP FOR SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/10/12 REPORTED... IF YOU'RE HEADED TO THE SHORE THIS WEEK, WATCH OUT FOR HIGH TIDES. CALIFORNIA IS DUE TO GET ITS HIGHEST TIDES OF THE YEAR. TIDES WILL PEAK ON THURSDAY MORNING. THE PHENOMENON IS CALLED "KING TIDES" AND IS CAUSED BY THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THE SUN AND MOON. DURING KING TIDES, BEACHES VIRTUALLY DISAPPEAR AND WALKING ON SOME PIERS GETS A LOT MORE INTERESTING... CALIFORNIA SCIENTISTS ARE USING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT THE STATE'S SHORELINE WILL LOOK LIKE IN COMING DECADES, BECAUSE OF GLOBAL WARMING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/12 REPORTED... TAKE A LOOK AT THIS; WATER EVERYWHERE. SOME IN MILL VALLEY THIS WEEK ARE WONDERING IF THE STREET-FLOODING THEY'RE SEEING IS A GLIMPSE OF THEIR FUTURE. IT'S CAUSED BY THE HIGHEST TIDES OF THE YEAR-- "KING TIDES" -- AS THEY'RE CALLED. THEY'RE DRIVEN BY THE EARTH'S POSITION COMBINED WITH GRAVITATIONAL PULL FROM THE MOON AND SUN. NOW ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS ARE USING THE *KING TIDE* EVENTS TO CALL ATTENTION TO GLOBAL WARMING AND RISING SEA LEVELS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/12 REPORTED... BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE. AND IN THE SIERRA, IT'S THE COLDEST IT'S BEEN ALL SEASON. TAKE A LOOK AT TWO BELOW ZERO IN TRUCKEE. FROZEN WINDSHIELDS, FOOT LONG ICICLES, AND BUNDLED UP BODY PARTS. THE SNOW MACHINES ARE IN HIGH GEAR AT THE RESORTS. LOCALS SAY, IF YOU'RE HEADING UP, PACK HEAVY WITH LOTS OF LONG UNDERWEAR. ROADS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY ICY, CARRY CHAINS AND EXTRA PROVISIONS IN THE CAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/21/12 REPORTED...NOW TO A FOLLOW UP ON A GIANT SINKHOLE THAT SWALLOWED UP A ROAD IN THE EAST BAY. AFTER MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF REPAIRS AND 12 MILLION DOLLARS LATER, EL PORTAL DRIVE IN RICHMOND REOPENED TODAY. THE 120 -FOOT LONG SINKHOLE FORMED IN APRIL OF 2010 WHEN AN UNDERGROUND WATERWAY COLLAPSED. THIS IS NEAR THE INTERSTATE 80 OFFRAMP. THE SINKHOLE SWALLOWED TWO CARS, DAMAGED A MASSIVE DRAINPIPE AND SHUT DOWN TRAFFIC. THERE'S STILL WORK TO BE DONE, LIKE SETTING UP UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. THAT WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY THE SPRING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/24/12 REPORTED...SUNDAY'S STORM ALSO LEFT A "MUDDY" MESS BEHIND AROUND THE BAY. HERE'S A LOOK AT A LANDSLIDE ALONG SKYLINE BOULEVARD IN THE OAKLAND HILLS... OUR NBC CHOPPER WAS ABOVE IT THIS MORNING. IT BLOCKED BOTH LANES OF THE ROAD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/24/12 REPORTED...THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS ASKING YOU TO SKIP THE FIRE IN YOUR FIREPLACE THIS CHRISTMAS EVE. THEY SAY A BREAK IN THE STORMY WEATHER WILL CAUSE AIR POLLUTION TO BUILD TONIGHT AND TOMORROW. SKIPPING THE FIRE TONIGHT WILL MAKE FOR A HEALTHIER CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE TOMORROW. ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT AN OFFICIAL "SPARE THE AIR" DAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/26/12 REPORTED...TAKE A LOOK AT THIS: THIS WAS WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE AT MENLO ATHERTON GLASS WORKS EARLIER THIS WEEK. EMPLOYEES CAME BACK TO WORK TO FIND A RIVER WINDING THROUGH THEIR BUSINESS, AND HOURS OF CLEANUP. WATER INVADDED, FORCING THE OWNER TO TEAR UP THE SOGGY CARPET AND TOSS IT, AND THAT'S NOT ALL. IN EAST PALO ALTO SEVEN HOMES WERE EVACUATED...TODAY THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT REMAINS UNINHABITABLE, AFTER THE SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK TOPPED ITS BANKS. NORMA CAMACHO WITH THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY

WATER DISTRICT IS NOW CAREFULLY INSPECTING AREAS NEAR THE CREEK, WHERE WATER TOOK A DETOUR THE STORMS DIDN'T BRING ALL BAD NEWS. THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SAYS WE'VE RECEIVED SO MUCH RAIN IN THE PAST FIVE DAYS THAT THE DISTRICTS RESERVOIRS NOW HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 5.8 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER. THAT'S LITTLE CONSOLATIONS FOR THESE BUSINESSES HOWEVER WHO STILL HAVE A LOT OF CLEANUP LEFT TO DO.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/3/12 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE TODAY. MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE WERE SWORN-IN TODAY IN FRONT OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY. AMONG THE LAWMAKERS... 38 NEW ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND TEN NEW STATE SENATORS. IN NOVEMBER, VOTERS GAVE DEMOCRATS A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE--WHICH IS ENOUGH TO RAISE TAXES WITHOUT REPUBLICAN SUPPORT. LEADERS SAY THAT THE NEW SESSION MARKS A TURNING POINT -- AS THE STATE RECOVERS FROM THE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC COLLAPSE OF 2008.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/3/12 REPORTED...THE STALEMATE OVER THE FISCAL CLIFF CONTINUES. CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS DID SUBMIT A COUNTEROFFER TO THE PRESIDENT LATE TODAY; IT CUT SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND IT INCLUDED NO TAX HIKE FOR THE WEALTHY. PRESIDENT OBAMA KEPT UP THE PRESSURE ON REPUBLICANS TO CUT A DEAL --RUNNING A VIDEO ON YOU-TUBE, REMINDING VOTERS WHO WON THE ELECTION AND ON WHAT PLATFORM: HE ALSO WENT ON TWITTER, WITH THOUSANDS FOLLOWING HIM. BUT SOME IN THE BUSINESS WORLD ARE GETTING NERVOUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN IS RIDING HIGH IN THE POLLS SINCE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. A POLL BY THE "PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA" SHOWS THAT 48 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS APPROVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S WORK RIGHT NOW. THAT'S UP FROM A LOW OF 34 PERCENT IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR. 46 PERCENT OF VOTERS SAY THEY ARE MORE POSITIVE ABOUT THE BUDGET SINCE THE ELECTION. AND 44 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THE STATE IS HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...TOMORROW'S CLOSED-DOOR MEETING OF THE U-S SUPREME COURT IS BEING CAREFULLY FOLLOWED BY SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE. THE JUSTICES ARE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO REVIEW A CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S PROP-8. THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT RULED THAT PROP-EIGHT, BANNING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IF THE SUPREME COURT DECIDES NOT TO REVIEW THAT RULING, THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT'S DECISION WILL STAND, AND SAME-SEX COUPLES IN CALIFORNIA WILL SOON BE ABLE TO MARRY AGAIN. IF THEY CHOOSE TO REVIEW IT THEIR DECISION IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL NEXT JUNE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...THE CLOCK IS TICKING AND THE ANSWER REMAINS THE SAME. MORE GRIDLOCK IN WASHINGTON OVER THE FISCAL CLIFF. IT'S AN ISSUE LIKELY TO IMPACT YOUR BOTTOM LINE. PRESIDENT OBAMA PUT ON MORE PRESSURE TODAY BY INVITING THE MEDIA TO HIS MEETING WITH A MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA, WHO SAYS THEY CAN'T AFFORD A TAX INCREASE. ON JANUARY FIRST, IF NO DEAL IS MADE, PAYROLL TAX CUTS WOULD EXPIRE AND AUTOMATIC SPENDING CUTS WOULD KICK-IN. REPUBLICANS ACCUSE THE PRESIDENT OF NOT COMPROMISING. BOTH SIDES ARE STUCK ON TAX HIKE FOR AMERICA'S WEALTHIEST. THE PRESIDENT WANTS THEM. REPUBLICANS SAY 'NO'. TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY WILL HURT THE ECONOMY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/12/12 REPORTED...FACE TO FACE WITH TIME RUNNING OUT. PRESIDENT OBAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER MET TONIGHT TRYING BREAK THE DEADLOCK OVER THE "FISCAL CLIFF." IF NO AGREEMENT IS MADE TAXES WILL RISE FOR MOST AMERICANS. AFTER THE 50-MINUTE MEETING,BOEHNER RETURNED TO THE CAPITOL, BRISKLY WALKING PAST REPORTERS WITHOUT COMMENT. BOTH SIDES DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS *FRANK*, AND GAVE NO INDICATION WHETHER ANY PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE STALEMATE OVER RAISING TAXES ON THOSE EARNING OVER 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. IN THE BAY AREA, WHERE THE AVERAGE INCOME TOPS A-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE COST OF LIVING IS EXTREMELY HIGH, SOME WORKING PROFESSIONALS FEAR THEY'LL BE LUMPED INTO THE 'UPPER CLASS,' AND PAY DEARLY FOR IT. IN TONIGHT'S REALITY CHECK, SAM BROCK SHOWS US WHY THOSE FEARS ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED AND WHO REALLY SUFFERS FROM THIS STALEMATE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/17/12 REPORTED...WE'VE KNOWN FOR WEEKS THAT BARACK OBAMA WON THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, BUT TODAY THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE MADE IT OFFICIAL. OF ALL 50 STATES TO CAST THEIR VOTES-- BUT THE OUTCOME WAS NEVER IN DOUBT. MEMBERS RANGING IN AGE FROM 18 TO 92 TOOK THE OATH UPHOLDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION, BEFORE FILLING-OUT TWO BALLOTS; ONE FOR BARACK OBAMA, THE SECOND FOR VICE-PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN. BARACK OBAMA FAR SURPASSED THE 270-MINIMUM VOTES REQUIRED TO WIN HIS SECOND TERM AND CALIFORNIA'S 55-ELECTORAL VOTES, THE MOST OF ANY STATE, HELPED PUT HIM OVER THE TOP BY LATE AFTERNOON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/17/12 REPORTED...IT'S BEEN AN EVENTFUL 90 MINUTES IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL; AN UNEXPECTED TIMEOUT, A CLOSED DOOR MEETING, AND A DRAMATIC CONCLUSION. A NO-GO FOR PLAN B...WHICH MEANS THE FISCAL CLIFF IS COMING FAST. HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER WANTED TO CALL A VOTE ON HIS SO-CALLED PLAN-B TONIGHT. HE ORGANIZED A SURPRISING RECESS LATE THIS AFTERNOON AND THEN HELD A CLOSED DOOR MEETING TO WHIP UP SUPPORT FOR HIS PLAN. BUT HE COULDN'T GET IT FROM HIS FELLOW REPUBLICANS. 'PLAN B' WOULD HAVE RAISED TAXES ON PEOPLE MAKING MORE THAN 1-MILLION DOLLARS AND EXTENDED THE BUSH TAX CUTS FOR EVERYONE ELSE.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/3/12 REPORTED...AMERICAN TEENS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS ARE NOT OVER-MEDICATED, CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF. FOUR MILLION US TEENS AND ADOLESCENTS HAVE A MENTAL CONDITION THAT AFFECTS HOW THEY FUNCTION EVERY DAY. A NEW "NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH" STUDY FOUND THAT ONLY 14 PERCENT OF THEM ARE TREATED WITH DRUGS. THOSE MEDICATIONS INCLUDE STIMULANTS, ANTI-DEPRESSANTS, ANTI-PSYCHOTICS, AND MOOD STABILIZERS. RESEARCHERS SAY, IF ANYTHING, THE STUDY SUGGESTS THAT OTHER TREATMENTS ARE USED INSTEAD OF DRUGS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...IN HEALTH MATTERS, TODAY SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH OFFICIALS ADVISED THAT GAY MEN WHO ARE TRAVELING TO NEW YORK CITY GET THE MENINGITIS VACCINE. NEW ALERTS RECOMMEND GAY MEN GET VACCINATED REGARDLESS OF H-I-V STATUS. THE VACCINE IS EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING THE DISEASE BUT DOES NOT TREAT IT. 12 CASES OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN NEW YORK THIS YEAR WITH THREE MEN DIAGNOSED IN THE PAST SIX WEEKS. THE INFECTION AFFECTS TISSUE SURROUNDING THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD. MENINGITIS IS SPREAD BY CONTACT WITH FLUID FROM THE NOSE OR MOUTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...IN HEALTH MATTERS, A NEW STUDY SHOWS HAVING CHILDREN HELPS YOU LIVE LONGER WOMEN WHO GAVE BIRTH WERE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE ALIVE AT THE END OF THE STUDY PERIOD THAN THOSE WHO HAD NOT. THE IMPACT ON MEN WAS SMALLER; MEN WHO FATHERED A CHILD

WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO LIVE LONGER. THE STUDY ALSO SHOWED THAT PARENTS WHO ADOPTED LIVED LONGER THAN COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN. ALL THE COUPLES IN THIS STUDY USED FERTILITY TREATMENTS AND WANTED TO BECOME PARENTS, WHICH COULD HAVE ALSO BEEN A FACTOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/7/12 REPORTED...A NEW LONG-LASTING PAIN RELIEVER GOT A 'NO' TODAY FROM THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S PANEL OF EXPERTS. THE DRUG, "ZO-HYDRO", MADE BY SAN DIEGO BASED ZO-GEN-IX, IS SUPPOSED BE TAKEN ONCE EVERY 12 HOURS FOR MODERATE TO SEVERE CHRONIC PAIN. THE PANELISTS SAID THE PRESCRIPTION PILL WOULD LIKELY DO IT'S JOB BUT ARE CONCERNED OVER ITS PRIMARY INGREDIENT, "HYDROCODONE" A NARCOTIC CONSISTENTLY ONE OF THE MOST WIDELY ABUSED MEDS IN THE U-S. ZO-HYDRO WOULD BE THE COUNTRY'S FIRST PURE HYDRO-CODONE MEDICATION AVAILABLE. THE FDA WILL DECIDE ON THE DRUG BY MARCH FIRST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/10/12 REPORTED...NEW INFORMATION OUT TODAY SHOWS IRON SUPPLEMENTS MAY CURB PROBLEMS IN LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INFANTS. BABIES BORN AT BELOW AVERAGE WEIGHT ARE OFTEN AT RISK OF SUFFERING FROM DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES. IRON DEFICIENCY HAS BEEN LINKED TO BRAIN IMPAIRMENT, SO RESEARCHERS GAVE 285 LOW-WEIGHT BABIES IRON DOSES FOR THEIR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF LIFE. THE STUDY FOUND THAT BABIES WHO TOOK IRON HAD SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATES OF BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS AND WERE MORE ON PAR WITH BABIES BORN AT NORMAL WEIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/11/12 REPORTED...IN HEALTH MATTERS, AMERICANS ARE LIVING LONGER, BUT WITH MORE CHRONIC ILLNESSES. 'THE 2012 AMERICA'S HEALTH RANKINGS' SHOW FEWER DEATHS FROM HEART DISEASE AND CANCER, BUT INCREASING LEVELS OF OBESITY, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, DIABETES, AND SEDENTARY BEHAVIOR. AMERICANS ARE EXPECTED TO LIVE TO 78 AND A HALF YEARS OLD, DESPITE THE FACT THAT 27 POINT 8 PERCENT OF U-S ADULTS ARE OBESE, THAT'S 66 MILLION PEOPLE. AND MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF AMERICAN ADULTS HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. THE REPORT USES 24 MEASURES OF HEALTH TO DETERMINE THE RANKINGS, CALIFORNIA COMES IN AT 22.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/12 REPORTED...LETS GET HEALTHY! SOUNDS GOOD, AND OFFICIALS HAVE A PLAN TO MAKE CALIFORNIA THE HEALTHIEST STATE IN THE UNION BY 2022. A TASK FORCE HAS AN AMBITIOUS TEN YEAR ROAD MAP THAT COVERS 39 SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF HEALTH FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE. THE THREE PATHWAYS WILL FOCUS ON CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, REFORMING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND LOWERING THE COST OF CARE. EACH AREA HAS SPECIFIC MEASURABLE GOALS TO HELP HEALTH OFFICIALS, LAWMAKERS AND THE PUBLIC IMPROVE HEALTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/19/12 REPORTED...NEW TONIGHT AT SIX. ONE CALIFORNIA LAWMAKER SAYS HE'S URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA TO FOCUS ON ENHANCING THE COUNTRY'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM DARREL STEINBERG SAYS THE COUNTRY SHOULD ADOPT CALIFORNIA'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT -- AS A MODEL FOR THE NATION. THIS PROGRAM MOVES AWAY FROM THE OLD MODEL OF CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND TOWARD A MODEL OF PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION. STEINBERG SAYS ADOPTING THE CALIFORNIA MODEL COULD CUD NOT ONLY SAVE LIVES BUT ALSO SAVE THE COUNTRY MONEY BY REDUCING PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION, EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS, AND HOMELESSNESS.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/3/12 REPORTED...PRESIDENT OBAMA DELIVERED A STERN WARNING TO THE PRESIDENT OF SYRIA. IF BASHAR AL-ASSAD USES CHEMICAL WEAPONS, HE WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS. MISTER OBAMA MADE THE COMMENTS DURING A SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY AT FORT MCNAIR IN WASHINGTON D-C TODAY. U-S OFFICIALS SAY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SHOW SYRIA MAY BE PREPARING CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ... TO USE AGAINST ITS OWN PEOPLE. PRESIDENT OBAMA ALSO WARNED ASSAD ... THE WORLD IS WATCHING. ACTIVISTS SAY NEARLY 40-THOUSAND SYRIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE THE UPRISING AGAINST THE SYRIAN REGIME BEGAN 20 MONTHS AGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...ON THE VERGE OF ANOTHER REVOLUTION? MORE VIOLENCE AND OUTRAGE OVER EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT, MOHAMMAD MORSI. DEMONSTRATORS CLASHED WITH POLICE AGAIN AND SET ABLAZE THE CAIRO OFFICES OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, THE GROUP THAT BACKED MORSI TO VICTORY THIS YEAR. MORSI MADE A NATIONALLY TELEVISED ADDRESS TONIGHT SAYING HE'S WILLING TO MEET WITH THE OPPOSITION, BUT DID NOT OFFER ANY CONCESSIONS. THAT JUST FUELED ANGER EVEN MORE. EGYPTIANS ARE FURIOUS AFTER MORSI GRANTED HIMSELF SWEEPING POWERS LAST MONTH AND HAD HIS ISLAMIST ALLIES DRAFT A CONTROVERSIAL CONSTITUTION. PRESIDENT OBAMA CALLS THE VIOLENCE UNACCEPTABLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/6/12 REPORTED...IN SYRIA, THE OPPOSITION APPEARS TO BE GAINING MOMENTUM. REBELS HAVE CAPTURED HEAVY WEAPONS FROM THE SYRIAN ARMY AND ARE SHOOTING DOWN SYRIAN AIRCRAFTS MORE FREQUENTLY. THEY ARE ALSO CLOSING-IN ON THE CAPITAL CITY OF DAMASCUS. MEANTIME, THE U-S CONTINUES TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS THAT THE SYRIAN MILITARY IS PREPARING TO USE SARIN NERVE GAS ON THE REBELS. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS SAID IF THAT HAPPENS THERE WOULD BE CONSEQUENCES. THE U-S AND RUSSIA, WHICH HAVE NOT SEEN EYE-TO-EYE ON THIS CRISIS, APPEARS TO BE WORKING TOGETHER TO TRY AND DIFFUSE THE SITUATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/11/12 REPORTED...WE JUST GOT A NEW UPDATE FROM A SHERIFF'S SPOKESPERSON. HE CONFIRMS THE GUNMAN IS DEAD AND TWO OTHER PEOPLE ARE ALSO DEAD. WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE WOUNDED. THE FIRST 9-1-1 CALLS CAME IN AT ABOUT 3:30 FROM THE CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER IN A SUBURB OF PORTLAND. LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS NOT GIVEN A LOT OF DETAIL YET BUT WITNESSES ARE TELLING OUR NBC STATION IN PORTLAND THAT THE GUNMAN WAS WEARING CAMOFLAGE, A MASK, BODY ARMOR, AND HAD A RIFLE. WITNESSES SAY THE MAN RAN THROUGH A MACY'S AND INTO THE FOOD COURT AREA - AND WAS YELLING - "I AM THE SHOOTER". SOME WITNESSES ESTMATE HE FIRED AS MANY AS 60 ROUNDS. A SHERIFF'S SPOKESPERSON SAYS ONE PERSON WAS TAKEN BY LIFEFLIGHT HELICOPTER TO THE HOSPITAL. THEY DO NOT HAVE A CONFIRMED COUNT YET OF HOW MANY MAY HAVE BEEN WOUNDED. S-W-A-T TEAMS ARE GOING THROUGH THE MALL TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO OTHER SHOOTERS. BUT THEY THINK THERE WAS ONLY ONE GUNMAN. THEY WANT TO LOCATE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HIDDEN THROUGHOUT THE MALL. THEY SAY THEY WILL LOOK AT SURVEILLANCE VIDEO TO GET A BETTER SENSE OF EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. THERE ARE MORE THAN 100 OFFICERS STILL AT THE MALL AND THEY ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR EVIDENCE. THEY SAY THEY RECOVERED ONE GUN BUT DID NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS ABOUT IT, AND THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO OTHER WEAPONS INVOLVED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/12 REPORTED...AT THIS HOUR, IT IS STILL AN ACTIVE SCENE. TONIGHT, POLICE AREN'T REVEALING A MOTIVE. IT'S A QUESTION THAT SO MANY OF US ARE ASKING: WHY? WHY WOULD THIS 20 YEAR-OLD OPEN FIRE AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-KILLING 26 PEOPLE THERE. POLICE SAY IT APPEARED ADAM LANZA WAS ON A MISSION TO KILL AS MANY CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE. HE WAS THE SON OF A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER WHO WAS LINKED TO THE SCHOOL. BUT HIS MOTHER WAS NOT TEACHING TODAY.

NBC NEWS IS NOW REPORTING THE GUNS USED IN THE SHOOTING WERE LEGALLY OWNED BY HIS MOTHER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/14/12 REPORTED...NOW TO SOME DEVELOPING NEWS IN THE SOUTH BAY...A BOMB SCARE HAS SHUT DOWN PART OF THE GREAT MALL IN MILPITAS. THIS HAPPENED AROUND 2:30 THIS AFTERNOON...AND POLICE ARE STILL ON THE SCENE. NBC BAY AREA'S MARIANNE FAVRO JOINS US FROM THE GREAT MALL WITH THE LATEST. MARIANNE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/17/12 REPORTED...JESSICA, SENATOR FEINSTEIN WOULD LIKE TO BRING BACK A BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS. THE LAST VERSION- WHICH PASSED CONGRESS UNDER THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND EXPIRED UNDER PRESIDENT BUSH'S HAD *QUITE A FEW SHORTCOMINGS- INCLUDING THE FACT MANUFACTURERS COULD 'FAIRLY EASILY' GET AROUND THE RESTRICTIONS. STILL, THERE ARE SOME *FACTS ABOUT THE ASSAULT BAN THAT ARE VERY RELEVANT TO THE NEWTOWN SHOOTING: THE 30-BULLET MAGAZINES ADAM LANZA USED IN THE MASSACRE WOULD HAVE BEEN *OUTLAWED UNDER THAT WEAPONS ASSAULT BAN. AND VARIATIONS OF THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE HE USED WOULD HAVE BEEN OUTLAWED. THEN, THERE'S THE RECENT *HISTORY OF MASS VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: A COMPREHENSIVE TIMELINE OF EVERY 'MASS SHOOTING' IN THE LAST 30 YEARS, COMPILED BY THE GROUP, "MOTHER JONES"...SHOWS THAT BOTH THE FREQUENCY, AND LETHALITY, OF THESE EVENTS IS GETTING WORSE. FROM 1982 TO 1994, THERE WERE AN AVERAGE OF 1-AND-A-HALF MASS SHOOTINGS A YEAR, AND ROUGHLY 25 VICTIMS INJURED OR KILLED IN THOSE INCIDENTS. WHEN THE BAN WENT INTO EFFECT, FROM 1995 TO 2004, THE NUMBER OF MASS SHOOTINGS REMAINED VIRTUALLY THE SAME WHILE CASUALTIES FELL TO AN AVERAGE OF 21. NOW, LOOK AT THE NUMBERS SINCE THE BAN EXPIRED- FROM 2005 TO THE PRESENT DAY, WE'VE SEEN A JUMP TO 3-POINT-4 MASS SHOOTINGS A YEAR, AND AN ELEVATED CASUALTY RATE OF 56 PEOPLE, ANNUALLY, IN THOSE INCIDENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/28/12 REPORTED...CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF 42 STATES WHICH IS SUBJECT TO A SALMON RECALL TONIGHT. THE SMOKED SALMON IS SOLD AT *SAM'S CLUB* STORES WHICH ARE OWNED BY WAL-MART. COST-CO HAS ALSO RECALLED THE PRODUCT. THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S COOPERATING WITH THE F-D-A ON THE VOLUNTARY RECALL ORDERED BECAUSE OF CONCERNS OVER LISTERIA, A BACTERIA WHICH CAN CAUSE FATAL INFECTIONS. SO FAR, THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF ILLNESS. THE *COLD SMOKED-SALMON* HAS THE *PARAMOUNT RESERVE* LABEL, AND IS SOLD IN 12-OUNCE TWIN PACKS AND ONE-AND-A-QUARTER-POUND BUNDLES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 12/31/12 REPORTED... NOT FOR POLITICIANS, JESSICA, AND NOT FOR ANYONE CONCERNED ABOUT TAX HIKES, AND CUTS IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS; REPORTS TONIGHT FROM WASHINGTON SAY WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO A DEAL, BUT NO VOTE YET. AND HERE'S A BIT OF A RUNDOWN ON WHAT KICKS IN TOMORROW...FIRST, LAST YEAR'S PAYROLL TAX CUTS END AND THAT WILL RESULT IN A TWO PERCENT TAX HIKE FOR WORKERS. WE'LL SEE THE END OF THE BUSH TAX CUTS THAT KICKED IN BACK IN 2001, AND THE BEGINNING OF NEW TAXES RELATED TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTHCARE LAW. ALSO, NEW SPENDING CUTS BEGIN... MORE THAN A THOUSAND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE DEFENSE BUDGET GO UNDER THE KNIFE. BUT THESE CUTS MAY NOT LAST VERY LONG... ACCORDING TO BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE, PROGRESS WAS MADE TODAY, AND THE TALKING WILL CONTINUE TONIGHT, AND INTO TOMORROW. IN FACT, DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ARE BOTH SAYING THAT A DEAL IS IN PLACE TO PREVENT TAXES FROM RISING ON AMERICANS MAKING LESS THAN 400 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. BUT, STILL NO DEAL TONIGHT, AND WE FOUND SOME BAY AREA RESIDENTS USING THEIR FISCAL SMARTS TO SHOP TODAY... SAVING MONEY ON WHAT THEY 'COULD' BUY TOMORROW.

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